UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

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OF THE

ANTIENT FRATERNITY

OF

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

UNDER THE

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

CONTAINING THE

GENERAL CHARGES, LAWS & REGULATIONS, ETC., ETC.

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THE GRAND LODGE,

having approved of this Revised Edition of the Book of Constitutions, the Board of General Purposes have accordingly superintended its publication.

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Summary of the ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS *to be read by the Secretary (or acting Secretary), to the* MASTER ELECT, *prior to his Installation into the Chair of a Lodge.*

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1. You agree to be a good Man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.

2. You are to be a peaceable Subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.

3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or Conspiracies against Government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the Supreme Legislature.

4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the Civil Magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honourably by all Men.

5. You agree to hold in veneration the original Rulers and Patrons of the Order of Free-Masonry, and their regular Successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their Stations; and to submit to the Awards and Resolutions of your Brethren in general Lodge convened, in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order.

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6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.

7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.

8. You promise to respect genuine and true Brethren, and to discountenance Impostors and all Dissenters from the original Plan of Free-Masonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of Society, to cultivate the Social Virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the Mystic Art as far as your influence and ability can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his Officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every Edict of the Grand Lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any Man or Body of Men to make innovation in the Body of Masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the Communications and Committees of the Grand Lodge, upon receiving proper notice thereof, and to pay attention to all the duties of Free-Masonry upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new Lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master or his

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Deputy, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular Lodge, or to any person initiated therein ; and that no public processions of Masons clothed with the Badges of the Order can take place without the special Licence of the Grand Master or his Deputy.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Free-Mason or admitted a Member of any Lodge without previous notice and due inquiry into his Character ; and that no Brother can be advanced to a higher Degree except in strict conformity with the Laws of the Grand Lodge.

15. You promise that no Visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination, and producing proper Vouchers of his having been initiated into a regular Lodge.

At the conclusion the Installing Officer addresses the Master-Elect as follows :—"Do you submit to "and promise to support these Charges and "Regulations as Masters have done in all ages ?" *Upon his answering in the affirmative the Ceremony of Installation proceeds.*

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THE CHARGES OF A FREE-MASON:

EXTRACTED FROM

THE ANTIENT RECORDS OF LODGES BEYOND SEA,

AND OF THOSE IN

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND,

For the use of Lodges,

TO BE READ

AT THE MAKING OF NEW BRETHREN, OR WHEN THE MASTER SHALL ORDER IT.

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THE GENERAL HEADS OF THE CHARGES OF A FREE-MASON, &c., &c.

I. *Of God and Religion.*

II. *Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.*

III. *Of Lodges.*

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5. *At Home and in the Neighbourhood.*
6. *Towards a strange Brother.*

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THE CHARGES OF A FREE-MASON, ETC., ETC.

I.—*Concerning* GOD *and* RELIGION.

A MASON is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law ; and if he rightly understand the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion

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in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—*Of the* CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME *and* SUBORDINATE.

A MASON is a peaceable subject to the civil powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold, on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace and been always injured by war, bloodshed, and confusion; so that kings and princes, in every age, have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and

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loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries and promote the honour of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

III.—*Of* LODGES.

A LODGE is a place where free-masons assemble to work and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of the antient science. In an extended sense it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly or duly organised meeting of masons is called a lodge Every brother ought to belong to some lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations of the craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the craft is alone to be acquired. From antient times no master or fellow could be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the master and wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made masons or admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men, free-born,

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and of mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bond-men, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—*Of* MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS, *and* APPRENTICES.

All preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no master or warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him; and, unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother, and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents; that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honour of being the warden, and then the

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master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden until he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has acted as a warden, nor grand warden until he has been master of a lodge, nor grand master unless he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the lodges. And for the better, and easier, and more honourable discharge of his office, the grand master has the power to choose his own deputy grand master, who must then be, or have formerly been, the master of a particular lodge, and who has the privilege of acting whatever the grand master, his principal, should act, unless the said principal be present, or interpose his authority by letter.

These rulers and governors supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love, and alacrity.

N.B.—In antient times no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a master-mason until he had been elected into the chair of a lodge.

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V.—*Of the* MANAGEMENT *of the* CRAFT *in* WORKING.

ALL masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer of the lord's work; who is to be called master by those that work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and to call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor to give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the master and the masons receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

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None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same; or no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No labourer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall free-masons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach labourers and unaccepted masons as they should teach a brother or fellow.

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VI.—*Of* BEHAVIOUR.

I.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private committees, or separate conversation, without leave from the master; nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the master or wardens, or any brother speaking to the master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever, but to pay due reverence to your master, wardens, and fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the grand lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the mean while, in which case a particular reference may be made, but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

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2.—BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER, AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as masons, of the universal religion above-mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds, and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each

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other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason; for though all masons are, as brethren, upon the same level, yet masonry takes no honour from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honour, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honour to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

4.—BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS, NOT MASONS.

You shall be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honour of the worshipful fraternity.

5.—BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man; particularly not to let your family,

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friends, and neighbours, know the concerns of the lodge, &c., but wisely to consult your own honour, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long from home after lodge hours are past; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6,—BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER.

You are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother that is a good

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man and true before any other poor people in the same circumstances.

Finally.—All these charges you are to observe and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and cope-stone, the cement and glory, of this antient fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honour and safety, and no farther. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the grand lodge at the quarterly communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of master and fellows, when they would prevent your going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law-suits, that so you may find the affair of masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the master and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable,

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they must, however, carry on their process, or law-suit, without wrath and rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

Amen, so mote it be.

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GENERAL LAWS

AND

REGULATIONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE CRAFT.

Declaration.

1. BY the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Free-Masons of England in December, 1813, it was "declared and pro-"nounced that pure Antient Masonry consists "of three degrees and no more, viz., those of "the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, "and the Master Mason, including the Supreme "Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

GRAND LODGE.

Grand Lodge.

2. The public interests of the Fraternity are managed by a general representation of all private Lodges on record, together with the Grand Stewards of the year and the present and Past Grand Officers, and the Grand Master at their head. This collective body styled

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THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND, and is hereinafter referred to as "The Grand Lodge."

3. Every Brother who shall, in accordance with the laws and procedure of Masonry, preside or act in the Grand Lodge, or in any Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or in any private Lodge, or on any Board or Committee for or in the place of any Officer or Brother who may be absent, shall, while so presiding or acting, have all the rights, powers, and duties of the Officer or Brother whose substitute he shall be or in whose place he shall act; he shall enforce all rules and regulations, and his acts shall have the same validity in all respects as those of such Officer or Brother, unless the contrary is expressly provided for in these laws and regulations.

General powers of all substituted authorities.

4. The Grand Lodge possesses the supreme superintending authority, and alone has the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the antient Landmarks of the Order be preserved.

All laws emanate from Grand Lodge.

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Power of final decision.

5. The Grand Lodge has also the power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as, in its wisdom and discretion, it may appoint; but the Grand Lodge alone has the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft, a power which it does not delegate to any subordinate authority.

Rank and precedence of members.

6. The members of the Grand Lodge rank in the following order :—

1. The Grand Master.
2. The Pro Grand Master.
3. Past Grand Masters.
4. Past Pro Grand Masters.
5. Deputy Grand Master.
6. Past Deputy Grand Masters.
7. Provincial and District Grand Masters.
8. Past Provincial and District Grand Masters.
9. Grand Wardens.
10. Past Grand Wardens.
11. Grand Chaplains.
12. Past Grand Chaplains.
13. Grand Treasurer.
14. Past Grand Treasurers.
15. Grand Registrar.
16. Past Grand Registrars.

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17. Deputy Grand Registrar.
18. Past Deputy Grand Registrars.
19. President of the Board of General Purposes.
20. Past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes.
21. Grand Secretary.
22. Past Grand Secretaries.
23. President of the Board of Benevolence.
24. Past Presidents of the Board of Benevolence.
25. Grand Deacons.
26. Past Grand Deacons.
27. Assistant Grand Chaplains.
28. Past Assistant Grand Chaplains.
29. Assistant Grand Registrars.
30. Past Assistant Grand Registrars.
31. Grand Superintendent of Works.
32. Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
33. Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.
34. Past Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.
35. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
36. Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.
37. Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.
38. Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
39. Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
40. Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
41. Grand Sword Bearer.
42. Past Grand Sword Bearers.
43. Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.
44. Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearers.
45. Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.

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46. Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.
47. Grand Standard Bearers.
48. Past Grand Standard Bearers.
49. Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.
50. Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.
51. Grand Organist.
52. Past Grand Organists.
53. Deputy Grand Organist.
54. Past Deputy Grand Organists.
55. Assistant Grand Secretary.
56. Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence.
57. Past Assistant Grand Secretaries.
58. Grand Pursuivant.
59. Past Grand Pursuivants.
60. Assistant Grand Pursuivants.
61. Past Assistant Grand Pursuivants.
62. The Grand Stewards of the year.
63. Such Past Grand Stewards as are Masters or Past Masters of Private Lodges.

The Master, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and of every other private Lodge.*

Titles, prefixes, and abbreviations.

* *Note.*—The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Pro Grand Master, and Past Pro Grand Masters are entitled to the appellation of "*Most Worshipful*" (M.W.). The prefix of "*Right Worshipful*" (R.W.) is accorded to and should be used only by the present and past Deputy Grand Masters, the present and past Provincial and District Grand Masters, and the present and past Grand Wardens of the Grand Lodge. The prefix of "*Very Worshipful*" (V.W.) should be used only by the present and past Grand Chaplains, the present and past

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7. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by appointment of the Grand Master, or by a vote of the Grand Lodge duly confirmed, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

Additional members may be appointed or elected.

8. The Grand Master may, by warrant, appoint any Brother to represent him in a sister Grand Lodge, and may constitute him and also any Brother, regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of England, with such rank as the Grand Master may deem appropriate.

Representatives appointed to rank in Grand Lodge.

9. Every Brother regularly elected and installed as Master of a Lodge, under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, who has filled that office for one year, shall, so long as he continues a subscribing member of any such Lodge, be a member of the Grand Lodge,

Qualification of Past Masters.

Grand Treasurers, the present and past Grand Registrars, the present and past Deputy Grand Registrars, the present and past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes, the present and past Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodge, the present and past Presidents of the Board of Benevolence and no others. The title or address of "*Worshipful*" (W.) is to be used by the rest of the present and past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and by the present and past Masters of Lodges, and all other members should be styled or designated as "*Brother*" only

but having for twelve months ceased to be a subscribing member of any English Lodge, he shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge ; nor can he regain the right of membership of the Grand Lodge as a Past Master, until he has again duly served the office of Master of such a Lodge.

Visitors to Grand Lodge.

10. A visitor can only attend the Grand Lodge by permission of the Grand Master, and if admitted he shall not speak to any question without leave of the Grand Master ; nor shall he, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

Regular meetings.

11. Four Grand Lodges shall be holden in London, for quarterly communication, in each year, viz., on the first Wednesday in the months of March, June, September, and December.

Special meetings.

12. The Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Pro Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, or, in his absence, the two Grand Wardens, may summon special Grand Lodges whenever the good of the Craft shall, in their opinion, require it, the particular reason for convening such special Grand Lodge shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

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13. There shall be a Grand Masonic Festival annually, on the Wednesday next following St. George's Day, to which all regular Masons who shall provide themselves with tickets from the Grand Stewards of the year shall be admitted; the price of such ticket not to exceed one guinea. Grand Festival.

14. The Grand Master shall, according to antient usage, be nominated at the Grand Lodge in December in every year, and at the ensuing Grand Lodge in March the election shall take place. The Grand Master, so elected, shall be regularly installed on the day of the Grand Masonic Festival. Nomination, election, and installation of Grand Master.

15. The Grand Master, if a Prince of the Blood Royal, may appoint a Pro Grand Master, who shall be a Peer of the Realm. Pro Grand Master.

16. Should the Grand Master die or resign during his mastership, the Pro Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Grand Wardens, shall summon the Grand Lodge immediately, to record the event; which Grand Lodge shall, if there be no Pro Grand Master, appoint three of its members Proceedings on death of Grand Master.

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to invite the last preceding Grand Master to act until a new election take place; should he decline or be unable to act, then the last but one, and so on.

If there be a Pro Grand Master at the time when a vacancy occurs, he shall forthwith act as Grand Master until a new election at the usual period, but if there be no Pro Grand Master or Past Grand Master willing to act, then the Grand Wardens shall fix a day for the Grand Lodge being summoned to elect a Grand Master for the remainder of the year.

Abuse of power by Grand Master.

17. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation, to be dictated by the occasion; because, hitherto, the Antient Fraternity have had no reason to provide for an event which they have presumed would never happen.

Appointment of Grand Officers.

18. Upon the annual installation of the Grand Master he shall appoint the following Grand Officers, who are thereupon to be installed or invested in antient form :—

Pro Grand Master (see 15).
Deputy Grand Master.

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Two Grand Wardens.
Two Grand Chaplains.
Grand Registrar.
Deputy Grand Registrar.
Twelve Grand Deacons.
Two Assistant Grand Chaplains.
Two Assistant Grand Registrars.
Grand Superintendent of Works.
Two Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Six Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.
Two Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.
Two Grand Standard Bearers.
Two Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.
Grand Organist.
Deputy Grand Organist.
Grand Pursuivant.
Three Assistant Grand Pursuivants.

He may also appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary and an Assistant Grand Secretary for German Correspondence.

The Grand Registrar must be an actual Master or Past Master of a Lodge.

Election of Grand Treasurer.

19. The Grand Treasurer shall be nominated at the Grand Lodge in September from those members of Grand Lodge who have not already

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held Grand Office*, and be elected at the Grand Lodge in March. Should there be more than one nomination for the office, voting papers shall, within three weeks after the nomination, be sent to the Secretary of every private Lodge, who shall, immediately on receipt thereof, give or send one voting paper to each member of his Lodge who is a member of Grand Lodge. Such paper shall contain the names, ages, addresses, and occupations of all the nominated candidates, together with the names, numbers, and location of the several Lodges to which they belong, and full particulars of their services in Freemasonry. The voting paper shall also contain a declaration that the voter has not already voted at the same election, and shall give directions as to how the voting paper is to be marked. This paper, when signed by the Brother entitled to vote, shall be returned by him direct to the Grand Secretary, so as to reach that officer not later than the 15th day of February.

Scrutineers

19a. Three Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and three other Scrutineers shall be elected by the General Committee pre-

* It is acknowledged that the holding or having held the office of Grand Steward is no disqualification to holding the office of Grand Treasurer.

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viously to the Grand Lodge in March. The Grand Secretary shall deliver the whole of the voting papers to the Scrutineers, who shall, with such clerical assistance as may be necessary, ascertain the numbers for the respective candidates, and make a correct report thereof in a sealed envelope to be delivered to the Grand Master or Presiding Officer at the Grand Lodge in March, when the result of such election shall be declared by him without any further proposition or seconding. In the event of an equality of votes the Grand Master or other Presiding Officer shall have a casting or deciding vote. The scrutineers, previous to entering upon their duties, shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the voting, and not to disclose anything pertaining thereto until after the Grand Master or Presiding Officer has declared the result in Grand Lodge. Should the Scrutineers find that any member has sent in more than one voting paper, all such papers shall be put aside and not counted, and a special report in respect thereof shall be made to the Grand Master.

Appointment of Pres. of Bd. of Gen. Ppses.

20. The President of the Board of General Purposes shall be annually appointed and invested by the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge in June.

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Appointment of Grand Secretary.

21. The Grand Secretary shall be appointed by the Grand Master, as a vacancy occurs, and shall continue without re-appointment during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

Appointment of President of the Bd. of Ben.

21a. The President of the Board of Benevolence shall be annually appointed and invested by the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge in December.

Appointment of Grand Tyler.

22. The Grand Tyler shall be a Master Mason. He shall be appointed by the Grand Master, as a vacancy occurs, and shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

No Brother to hold more than one office.

23. No Brother shall hold more than one office in the Grand Lodge at one and the same time.

Removal of Grand Officers.

24. Should the Grand Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his Grand Officers, he may submit the cause of complaint to the Grand Lodge; and should it appear to the majority of the Brethren present that the complaint is well founded, he may displace such Grand Officer

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and appoint another. But no Grand Officer can be removed without the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

25. The Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master and Pro Grand Master, shall possess all the powers and privileges of the Grand Master. Deputy Grand Master.

26. When the Grand Wardens are in the Grand Lodge no others can supply their places, but in their absence the Past Grand Wardens present shall act in the order of seniority. If no Past Grand Warden be present, the Grand Master may direct any other Past Grand Officer or member of the Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion. Grand Wardens in Grand Lodge.

27. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any Lodge are to act there as his Wardens. Grand Wardens to attend Grand Master.

28. The Grand Chaplains shall attend the quarterly communications and other meetings of Grand Chaplains.

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the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer, suitable to the occasion, as established by the usage of the Fraternity.

Grand Treasurer

29. The Grand Treasurer shall sign cheques, which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary, for all moneys duly voted by the Grand Lodge.

Money and accounts of Grand Lodge

30. All moneys belonging to Grand Lodge shall be deposited in such Bank as the Board may from time to time determine, subject to the confirmation of Grand Lodge, in the names of the Grand or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer. The accounts shall be annually audited by a professional Auditor, who shall be a Master Mason, elected annually in June by the Grand Lodge, and these accounts when audited shall be presented to the Grand Lodge at the quarterly communication in March.

Duties of Grand Registrar.

31. The Grand Registrar shall have the custody of the seals of the Grand Lodge, and shall affix, or may authorise the Grand Secretary to affix, the same to all patents, warrants, certificates, and other documents issued by the authority of the Grand Lodge, as well as to such as the Grand Master, in

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conformity with the established laws and regulations of the Craft, may direct.

32. He shall superintend the records of the Grand Lodge, and take care that the several documents issued be in due form. Care of the records.

33. The Grand Secretary's duty is to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, its Boards and Committees, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings, to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, to receive the fees and contributions payable by Lodges or Brethren to the Fund of Benevolence, the Fund of General Purposes or the Building Fund, and pay or cause the same to be paid to the account of the Grand Lodge in such Bank as the Board may from time to time determine; to transmit to all the Lodges the accounts of the proceedings of all the quarterly communications, and all other papers and documents which may be ordered, either by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge; to receive all petitions, memorials, &c., and to lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority; to attend the Grand Master, and take to him any books and papers he may direct; and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been done or Duties of Grand Secretary.

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ought to be done by a Grand Secretary. He may, under the authority of the Grand Registrar, affix the seals of the Grand Lodge to such patents, warrants, certificates, and other documents, as shall be specified in any such authority.

Grand Secretary's Clerks.

34. The clerks in the Grand Secretary's office must be Master Masons, but are not, by the appointment, members of the Grand Lodge; and therefore, if not otherwise qualified, cannot attend therein without leave, or speak therein without special permission. But if any clerk be in any capacity a member of the Grand Lodge, he is not, by his appointment, deprived of his rights or privileges.

Grand Superintendent of Works.

35. The Grand Superintendent of Works is to advise with the Board of General Purposes on all building plans or works projected or undertaken by the Grand Lodge, and furnish estimates; he is to superintend their construction, and see that they are conformable to the plans as approved. He is, at the January meeting of the Board of General Purposes in every year, to report on the state of repair of the edifices of the Grand Lodge, and make such further reports from time to time as he may deem expedient.

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36. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall have the arrangement and direction of all processions and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge and the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

37. The Grand Pursuivant is to preside over the Brethren nominated to attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge. He is at every meeting of the Grand Lodge to preserve order in the porch, and with the assistance of the Brethren nominated to attend there, to see that none be admitted except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission. Grand Pursuivant.

38. The Grand Tyler is to receive from the Grand Secretary the summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, its Boards and Committees, and carefully deliver or post the same. He is to attend all such meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled. Grand Tyler.

39. Nineteen Grand Stewards shall be annually appointed, for the regulation of the Grand Festival, Appointment and duties of Grand Stewards.

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under the directions of the Grand Master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the quarterly communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Mode of appointment of Grand Stewards.

40. The Grand Stewards shall be appointed from nineteen different Lodges, each of which shall recommend one of its subscribing members, who must be a Master Mason, to be presented by the former Grand Steward of that Lodge, for the approbation and appointment of the Grand Master; and who, when so approved and appointed, shall be entitled to wear the clothing of a Grand Steward.

Time of recommendation of Grand Stewards.

41. The name and residence of the Brother recommended as Grand Steward shall be transmitted by his Lodge to the Grand Secretary fourteen days at least previously to the Grand Festival.

Qualification of Grand Stewards.

42. No Brother shall be eligible as a Grand Steward unless he was initiated in the Lodge by which he is recommended, or has been twelve months a subscribing member to it.

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43. The Grand Stewards shall so regulate the Grand Festival that no expense fall on the Grand Lodge, and they are strictly enjoined not to permit any refreshment to be introduced into the Hall after the Grand Master or other presiding Officer has departed.

Grand Stewards to regulate Grand Festival.

44. No Lodge shall, under the penalty of forfeiting the privilege of recommendation, subscribe or in any manner contribute towards the expense to be incurred by any Grand Steward in the discharge of his duties ; and any Grand Steward who shall accept of moneys towards such expense, or shall neglect to pay his proportion of the necessary expenses, shall forfeit all privilege or distinction acquired in consequence of his serving that office.

Lodges not to subscribe to expenses of Grand Stewards.

45. Should any Brother, recommended as a Grand Steward, decline the office or be incapable of discharging the duties thereof, the Lodge which recommended him shall, when informed of the circumstance, transmit the name of another Brother to supply his place.

Grand Steward declining to serve.

46. If any Lodge possessing the privilege of recommendation shall neglect to send to the Grand Secretary the name of one of its members,

Forfeiture of privilege of recommending Grand Steward.

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or to supply the place of one who shall decline the office or become incapable of discharging the duties thereof, as required by the preceding articles, the Lodge shall forfeit its privilege, and the Grand Master shall nominate some other Lodge to have such privilege in future.

Privilege of membership of Grand Stewards' Lodge.

47. The Grand Stewards shall have the exclusive privilege of becoming members of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, subject to its by-laws and regulations.

Past Grand Stewards' place in Grand Lodge.

48. Such Past Grand Stewards, as are members of the Grand Lodge, shall have set apart for them the front benches on each side in the body of the Hall.

General Committee of Grand Lodge.

49. All business to be brought under the consideration of the Grand Lodge must be previously communicated to a General Committee, which shall consist of the President of the Board of Benevolence, who, if present, shall act as Chairman, the present and past Grand Officers, and the Master of every regular Lodge, and meet on the fourteenth day immediately preceding each quarterly communication.

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50. If the Master of any Lodge cannot attend the General Committee, the Immediate Past Master may supply his place; should that Brother be unable to attend, any other Past Master of such Lodge may act for him, but in every case the Past Master must be a subscribing member of that Lodge.

Substituted member of Committee.

51. At this meeting all reports and representations from the Grand Master, or the Board of General Purposes, or any Board or Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, shall be read; and any member of the Grand Lodge intending to make motion therein, or to submit any matter to its consideration, shall, at such General Committee, or by notice previously given or sent to the Grand Secretary, state, in writing, the nature of such intended motion or matter, that notice thereof may be printed on the paper of business.

Business at Committee of Grand Lodge.

Notices of Motions.

52. No motion, or other matter, shall be brought into discussion in the Grand Lodge, unless it shall have been previously communicated to the General Committee, but it shall be competent for any member of the Grand Lodge to move, without previous notice being given, the adoption or otherwise of any report or recommendation contained in such report, of any Board or Committee appointed

No other motions to be discussed without notice.

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either by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Lodge and Grand Master conjointly.

General Committee may reject notice of motion.

53. The General Committee shall direct that any notice of motion which, in its judgment, is scandalous, irregular, or not within the cognizance of the Grand Lodge, shall be omitted from the list of business to be brought before the Grand Lodge, and, in such case, the Chairman is specially to report the same, with a copy of the notice, to the Grand Master; the member who gave notice of the motion shall also be informed thereof before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Nominations for Boards or Committees

54. All nominations for Boards or Committees must be given to the General Committee in writing, signed by a member of the Grand Lodge, and stating the Masonic rank of every proposed candidate, and whether a Master or a Past Master at the time of his nomination, together with the name and number of his Lodge, and in the case of a Master, adding also the date of his installation.

Precedence of motions.

55. Notices of motion shall be set down for consideration in the order in which they were given, and, if renewed at the General Committee, shall stand on the paper of business in precedence of all subsequent notices, and shall, so long as renewed,

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maintain such precedence until they have been considered by the Grand Lodge, or otherwise disposed of.

56. The printed report of the proceedings of the last Grand Lodge, and a printed copy of the notices of motion for the ensuing Grand Lodge, with the names of all candidates nominated for any Board or Committee, shall be sent to all present and past Grand Officers, Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Secretaries, and Masters of Lodges in England, the same to be forwarded to the addresses of the Secretaries of Lodges, the packet to be marked "To be forwarded" and to the members of the Board of General Purposes at least ten days before each quarterly communication.

To wbom business papers to be sent.

57. All members of the Grand Lodge may have such papers of business and notices of special Grand Lodge meetings, together with all reports of the quarterly communications forwarded to them by post on registering their addresses and paying a fee of five shillings per annum in advance.

All members entitled on payment.

58. A paper of the business to be transacted in the Grand Lodge shall be placed in the hands of each member on his entrance into the Hall.

To be given to each member on his entrance.

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Scrutineers for the porch

59. At the General Committee, a sufficient number of Masters or Past Masters of Lodges shall be nominated, who shall attend, within the porch of the Grand Lodge. at the subsequent quarterly communication for the purpose of assisting the Grand Pursuivant in the discharge of his duties (37.) In addition to the Brethren so nominated, four Grand Stewards of the year shall also be summoned to attend for the same purpose in rotation, according to the numbers of the Lodges which they represent. The Grand Master shall nominate a sufficient number of Brethren to attend in the porch of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of assisting the Grand Pursuivant on the day of the Grand Festival, and also on any special meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Absence of the Grand Master from Grand Lodge.

60. If, at any meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master be absent, the Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the member of the Grand Lodge present who shall be senior in rank, according to the table of precedence herein contained.

Opening of Grand Lodge.

61. The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened in *ample form* when the Grand Master or Pro Grand Master is present, in *due form* when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy presides, at all other times, only in *form*, yet with the same authority.

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62. The Grand Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last quarterly communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are to be read and respectively put for confirmation: but reports, communications, or documents, approved or rejected at any previous meeting, shall not be read *in extenso*, unless called for by a Brother with a view to founding a motion thereon. Minutes of Grand Lodge.

63. All communications from the Grand Master, and reports from the Board of Benevolence and other Boards or Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration and the other business to be regularly proceeded with. Communications and reports.

64. No memorial, petition, or other document shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, which shall contain improper matter, or offensive or indecorous language. Memorials and petitions.

65. If it shall appear to the Grand Master that any proposed resolution contains anything contrary to the antient Landmarks of the Order, he may refuse to permit the same to be discussed. Irregular propositions.

66. At the third stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, or whenever the Grand Master shall call to order, there shall be general silence. Silence to be observed.

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Members to keep their seats.

67. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, his Deputy, and his Assistants, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about in the discharge of their duties.

Distribution and collection of balloting papers.

68. Whenever a ballot is to be taken for a member or members of any Board or Committee, the balloting papers shall be distributed under the superintendence of the Grand Director of Ceremonies immediately after the opening of the Grand Lodge, and the Brethren shall keep their seats until the balloting papers are collected.

No member to speak twice.

69. The mover of an original resolution shall have the right of reply, but no other Brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation. This rule does not apply to the Grand Registrar, who is the adviser of the Grand Lodge.

Conduct of speakers.

70. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, and he shall not be interrupted, unless any Brother shall address the Grand Master on a point of order, or the Grand Master shall himself think fit to call the speaker to order, but after he has been

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set right, he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

71. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to quit the Grand Lodge for that meeting. Transgressing rules of debate.

72. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a Brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted. Hissing.

73. No motion for the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a Brother shall be made, unless the Master and Wardens of the Lodge, or the Brother incriminated, shall have been first summoned to answer the complaint in person in the Grand Lodge, or to make answer in writing as they or he may desire. Motions for erasure or expulsion.

74. No resolution for a grant of money (except sums recommended by the Board of Benevolence), or for a new law or regulation, or for the Resolutions requiring confirmation.

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alteration or repeal of an old one, shall become valid unless confirmed at the next ensuing quarterly communication, provided that no motion for the non-confirmation of any such resolution shall be entertained by Grand Lodge, unless notice thereof shall have been given in conformity with Rule 51, and printed on the paper of business.

Voting

75. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote, and the Grand Master a second or casting vote, unless the Grand Lodge think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. Except in elections by ballot or voting papers the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one hand, and the motion is then to be declared carried or lost; but if two members demand that the votes be counted, and such demand appear reasonable to the Grand Master, the counting shall be conducted under the direction of the Grand Director of the Ceremonies.

Termination of business.

76. No motion on a new subject shall be made or any new matter entered upon after ten o'clock at night.

LONDON RANK.

London Rank.

76a. The Grand Master may confer on Past Masters of London Lodges, to a number not

exceeding two hundred and sixty three in any one year, the right to wear during the Grand Master's pleasure a distinctive jewel, collar and apron, with the designation of "London Rank." Such rank shall be equivalent to Provincial or District Grand Rank in Provincial or District Grand Lodges; and the provisions of rule 96 shall apply to the holders of such London Rank, so that they do not by such holding take any rank out of the London area as defined in Rule 153. They shall be, however, entitled to wear their jewels and clothing, as holders of London Rank, in all Masonic Meetings.

London Rank Fund

76b. The fees of honour payable by the recipients of London Rank shall be paid into a special fund, to be exclusively appropriated to the relief of Brethren, or the widows or children of deceased Brethren who have been installed Masters of London Lodges, such special fund to be distributed and applied by a Committee composed of thirty members of London Lodges (being Masters or Past Masters thereof) appointed by the Grand Master, of whom twenty at least shall be holders of London Rank. The Rules of such Committee shall be approved by the Grand Master.

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PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

Origin and powers of Provincial Grand Lodges.

77. Provincial Grand Lodges emanate from the Provincial Grand Masters by virtue of the authority vested in them by their patents of appointment from the Grand Master. It therefore follows that Provincial Grand Lodges possess no other powers than those specified in these laws and regulations, and cannot meet but by the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy.

District Grand Lodges.

78. In Colonies and foreign parts the terms District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge are used to distinguish such Officers and Lodges from Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Lodges in England.

Death of Provincial Grand Master.

79. On the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy shall perform all the functions of Provincial Grand Master, until a Brother is duly appointed Provincial Grand Master, but such Deputy shall not thereby acquire the right to any additional rank.

Death of District Grand Master.

80. In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or suspension of a District Grand Master, the District Grand Lodge shall continue to exercise

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its functions; and the Deputy District Grand Master, if there be one, and if not, or in the event of his being absent from the District, and until his return, the District Grand Officer or Past District Grand Officer next in rank then in the District, shall assume and exercise the functions of District Grand Master until another District Grand Master shall have received his patent of appointment from the Grand Master, and shall have notified the same to the District Grand Secretary. The Brother so exercising the functions of a District Grand Master shall not assume that title; nor shall he, after having so acted, be entitled to rank as a past District Grand Master, or to wear the Masonic clothing belonging to that office.

Members of Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

81. A Provincial or District Grand Lodge consists of the Provincial or District Grand Master, the present and past Provincial or District Grand Officers, the Provincial or District Grand Stewards for the year, the Master, Past Masters and Wardens of all Lodges in the Province or District, and Past Masters of any Lodge under the English Constitution, if members of Grand Lodge; but no Brother can be a member of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge unless he is a subscribing member of a Lodge within such Province or District.

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Appointment of Provincial or District Grand Master.

82. The appointment of Provincial or District Grand Master is a prerogative of the Grand Master, by whom a patent may be granted, during pleasure, to any Brother of eminence and ability in the Craft whom he may think worthy of the appointment. By this patent the Brother is invested with a rank and power in his particular province or District, similar to those possessed by the Grand Master. He shall be installed at the first Provincial or District Grand Lodge which he may hold after his appointment, and until such installation he shall not be qualified to perform any of the functions of his office except that of summoning the Provincial or District Grand Lodge to meet for the purposes of his installation.

His qualification for past rank.

83. A Provincial Grand Master must have served for the full period of five years, and a District Grand Master for the full period of three years, from the date of his Installation, to entitle him to past rank.

Deputy Provincial or Deputy Grand Master.

84. To ensure the regular performance of the duties of his office, and to prevent inconvenience arising from the neglect of them, the Provincial or District Grand Master may appoint a Deputy to execute all the functions of the office in his name, and may, for this purpose, invest him by patent

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under his hand and seal, with all the requisite powers, during pleasure.

85. The Provincial or District Grand Master must transmit, in writing, the name and place of abode of his Deputy, to all the Lodges of his Province or District, and also to the Grand Secretary, for Registration, within one month of the appointment. Notice of appointment.

86. The Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master must have previously served the office of Master in a regular Lodge. Must be a Past Master.

87. The Provincial or District Grand Master is empowered to appoint for his Province or District the following Provincial or District Grand Officers and no others. A District Grand Master if a Prince of the Blood Royal may appoint a Pro District Grand Master to rank immediately before the Deputy District Grand Master :— Provincial or District Grand Officers.

A Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master.
Two Provincial or District Grand Wardens.
Two Provincial or District Grand Chaplains.
A Provincial or District Grand Registrar.
A Provincial or District Grand Secretary.
Two Provincial or District Grand Deacons.

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A Provincial or District Grand Superintendent of Works.
A Provincial or District Grand Director of Ceremonies.
A Provincial or District Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
A Provincial or District Grand Sword Bearer.
Two Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers.
A Provincial or District Grand Organist.
A Provincial or District Assistant Grand Secretary.
A Provincial or District Grand Pursuivant.
A Provincial or District Assistant Grand Pursuivant.
A Provincial or District Grand Tyler.
Also Provincial or District Grand Stewards not exceeding six in number.

In addition to the above a District Grand Master is empowered to appoint a President of the District Board of General Purposes, who shall rank next to the District Grand Registrar.

These Provincial or District Grand Officers are to be annually appointed, except the Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, and, together with the Provincial or District Grand Treasurer, are to be invested in the Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

Additional appointments.

88. In Provinces and Districts numbering 30 Lodges and upwards, the Provincial and District

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Grand Masters are empowered to appoint annually four Provincial or District Grand Deacons instead of two, and also a Provincial or District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

In Provinces and Districts numbering 40 Lodges and upwards, the Provincial or District Grand Masters are empowered to appoint annually "Six Provincial or District Grand Deacons," a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies," and "Four Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies."

In Provinces and Districts numbering 70 Lodges and upwards, the Provincial or District Grand Masters are empowered to appoint annually "Eight Provincial or District Grand Deacons," a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies," "Five Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies," and a 'Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer."

In Provinces and Districts numbering 100 Lodges and upwards the Provincial or District Grand Masters are empowered to appoint a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Registrar" to take rank immediately after the Provincial or District Grand Registrar, "Eight Provincial or District Grand Deacons," a "Provincial or District Assistant Grand Chaplain" to take rank immediately after the Provincial or District Grand Deacons, a "Provincial or District Assistant Grand Superin-

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tendent of Works," a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies," "Five Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies," a "Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer," and a "Provincial or District Assistant Grand Sword Bearer."

In every Province or District numbering seven or more Lodges, the Provincial or District Grand Master thereof is empowered to confer on any Brother of ability who has rendered service to the Craft, the Rank of a Past Provincial or District Grand Officer.

But no Provincial or District Grand Master shall have power in any one year to confer such rank upon more than one Brother for every complete seven Lodges in his Province or District. Every Brother upon whom such rank shall have been conferred, shall be entitled to wear his Clothing as a Provincial or District Grand Officer in all Masonic Meetings.

Dispensation for non-residence.

89. The Provincial or District Grand Officers must all be resident within the Province or District, unless the Grand Master grant a dispensation for non-residence.

Qualification for office.

90. No Brother can be appointed a Provincial or District Grand Warden unless he be the Master

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or Past Master of a Lodge; nor a Provincial or District Grand Deacon unless he be a Warden or Past Warden of a Lodge.

91. The Provincial or District Grand Master may summon the Officers of any Lodge within his Province or district to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers, and accounts of the Lodge, or he may summon any Brother within his Province or District to attend him and produce his certificate. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason be not given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master. Power to summon Lodges and Brethren.

92. The Provincial or District Grand Master shall hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting Lodges or individual Masons, within his Province or District, and may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension. A minute of such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with the decision, is to be transmitted to the Grand Master. To determine complaints.

93. The Provincial or District Grand Master has no power to erase a Lodge or Expel a Mason; when, therefore, the case is of so flagrant a nature Cannot erase or expel.

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as, in his judgment, to require the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a Brother, he shall make a special report to the Grand Lodge, with his opinion thereon.

Responsibility for observance of laws.

94. The Provincial or District Grand Master, holding his office at the pleasure of the Grand Master, and the power of the Deputy as well as of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge emanating from the authority vested in the Provincial or District Grand Master, he or his Deputy must be responsible that the Provincial or District Grand Lodge does not exceed its lawful powers. He is, therefore, to cause correct minutes to be kept of all its proceedings, and to produce them to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge when required.

To report proceedings to Grand Secretary.

95. The Provincial or District Grand Master shall correspond with the Grand Lodge, and transmit to the Grand Secretary, at or prior to the quarterly communication in March, a circumstantial account, in writing, of his proceedings, and of the state of Masonry within his Province or District. He is to forward, or cause to be forwarded, to the Grand Master a summary of the minutes of every Provincial or District Grand Lodge within one month of the holding thereof, together with the names of all Brethren appointed

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to Provincial or District Grand office, the names and numbers of the Lodges to which they belong, and their respective residences.

96. The Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, the Provincial or District Grand Wardens, and other Provincial or District Grand Officers do not take any rank out of their Province or District, they are, however, entitled to wear their clothing as Provincial or District Grand Officers, or Past Provincial or District Grand Officers, in all Masonic meetings.

Provincial and District Grand Officers have no rank out of their Province or District.

97. Provincial or District Grand Stewards, while in office, are members of their own Provincial or District Grand Lodges, they do not take any rank out of their Provinces or Districts, and when out of office they are no longer members of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge, unless otherwise qualified; they are, however, entitled to wear their clothing as present or past Provincial or District Grand Stewards in all Masonic meetings.

Provincial or District Grand Stewards.

98. The Provincial Grand Master should hold a Provincial Grand Lodge, in such place within his Province and at such time as may seem to him most convenient, at least once in each year, when

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there may also be a Masonic Festival. He may convene special Provincial Grand Lodges whenever in his judgment it may be necessary.

Meetings of District Grand Lodges

99. District Grand Lodges shall fix stated times for their regular meetings, not exceeding four times in the year; but the District Grand Master may summon and hold a special District Grand Lodge whenever, in his judgment, it may be necessary. The particular reason for calling such special District Grand Lodge shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

Opening of Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

100. When the Provincial or District Grand Master presides, the Provincial or District Grand Lodge is to be declared open in *due form*. If the Deputy or any other Brother preside *in form* only.

By-laws.

101. The Provincial or District Grand Lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, and of making regulations for the guidance of the private Lodges of the Province or District, provided that none of these be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, but such by-laws shall not be valid

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until submitted to, and approved by, the Grand Master.

102. Correct minutes of the proceedings of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge shall be kept in a book proper for the purpose, which shall be produced by the Provincial or District Grand Master, for the inspection of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge whenever required. Minutes.

103. Should the Provincial Grand Master desire the opinion of his Provincial Grand Lodge on the subject of any Masonic complaint or irregularity within his Province, the Provincial Grand Lodge shall fully enquire into the matter and report thereon to the Provincial Grand Master, with whom alone the final decision remains, unless there shall be an appeal to the Grand Lodge. Advice by Provincial Grand Lodge.

104. Great advantage having been experienced from the establishment of a local fund for charitable and other Masonic purposes, each Provincial Grand Lodge may direct payments to be made by the Provincial Grand Officers and the Lodges in the Province for this desirable purpose (exclusive of the contributions payable to the Grand Lodge). The payments by Lodges shall not exceed the Local fund in Provinces.

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following sums, viz., sixpence per quarter or part of a quarter for every contributing member of a Lodge, five shillings for every person who has been initiated or who has joined from a Lodge not holding under the Grand Lodge, and one shilling for every other member who has joined any Lodge since the last payment. A Provincial Grand Lodge may also direct the payment of the following fees :—

	£	s.	d.
For registering a new Lodge	2	2	0
For registering by-laws ...	0	5	0
For registering amendments of by-laws	0	5	0

This fund cannot be established without the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members present in the Provincial Grand Lodge, nor unless each Lodge in the Province shall have had due notice of the meeting, and of the intention to propose the establishment of such fund, nor until the decision shall have been confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which meeting due notice shall have been given. If such fund be established, the mode of contribution by Lodges shall on no pretence be departed from, though the Provincial Grand Lodge may diminish any of the payments, or exact only part of them at their discretion. Thus Provincial Lodges can, in no case, be subjected to annual dues from contributing members exceeding those paid by

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every Lodge within the London district, while their members will have the advantage of a local fund as well as of the general Fund of Benevolence.

The Provincial Grand Lodge may make such regulations as they may deem necessary for the application of this fund.

105. The Provincial or District Grand Lodge shall elect a Provincial or District Grand Treasurer annually, by whom a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of this fund shall be kept. These accounts must be produced at the annual Meeting of every Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and audited once in each year, and a copy thereof transmitted to the Lodges within the Province or District.

Prov. or Dist. G. Treasurer to be elected annually.

106. The Grand Lodge delegates to the District Grand Lodges, meeting under District Grand Masters duly authorised and appointed by the Grand Master of England, the power of investigating, regulating, and deciding on all matters relating to Lodges and individual Masons within their respective districts, which power they may exercise either of themselves, or by a Board or Committee of their body.

Delegation of powers to District Grand Lodges.

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Powers of Dist. Grand Lodges.

107. All powers given by the Book of Constitutions to the Board of General Purposes in cases of Masonic complaint or irregularity, may be exercised by District Grand Lodges, or by such Board or Committee as aforesaid, subject to appeal to Grand Lodge.

Dist. Grand Lodges governed by the Constitutions.

108. The proceedings and decisions of District Grand Lodges, and of any Board or Committee appointed by such body, shall in all cases be strictly governed and controlled by the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge as laid down in the Book of Constitutions.

Rules and regulations of District Grand Lodges.

109. District Grand Lodges may make rules and regulations for the management and conduct of their own proceedings, and of those of any Board or Committee of their own body, and may alter such rules as they think fit ; but no rule or regulation shall be in force until approved by the Grand Master.

District Funds.

110. District Grand Lodges may require payment to their District Fund of fees larger than are allowed in England under the following regulations, viz. :—

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That notice in writing of the fees proposed, and also of the day of meeting for the discussion of the subject, be sent to each Lodge in the District two months at least prior to the meeting.

That if the proposed payments be agreed to by two-thirds at least of the members present, a day shall be appointed for considering the confirmation thereof, at a period of not less than three months from the first meeting, and a copy of the resolutions so agreed to shall be sent forthwith to each Lodge with the summons for the second meeting.

That any Lodge whose officers may not be able to attend by reason of their distance from the place of assembly, be permitted to state its opinions in writing: provided the same be despatched to the District Grand Secretary within the period of one month from the date of receiving the summons for the second meeting.

When the resolutions have been confirmed, a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Grand Master for his approval, together with copies of any opinions which may have been received in writing.

When the Grand Master shall have given his consent, and not till then, the resolutions shall be declared valid, and the fees and payments demanded, which shall in such case be payable from the time when the proceedings were confirmed by the District Grand Lodge.

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District Grand Master may issue certificates.

111. In order to avoid delay, and for the accommodation of Lodges in the Colonies and foreign parts for which a District Grand Master is appointed, those Lodges may make their returns and payments to the District Grand Master or such Brother as he may direct, but for the due remittance of which to the Grand Lodge the District Grand Master shall be personally responsible ; the District Grand Master is thereupon to deliver Grand Lodge certificates, furnished to him for the purpose, which certificates are to be countersigned as specified in the following paragraph.

Blank forms of certificate to be furnished.

112. The Grand Secretary is to furnish to District Grand Masters Grand Lodge certificates, with the necessary alterations in the form, signed and sealed, but in other respects left blank ; the blanks to be filled up by the District Grand Master, or by his order, with the name of the Brother initiated, and the date of his initiation, and passing and raising, as the case may be, in Lodges within his District, or of the Brethren who shall join such Lodges, from Lodges not holding under the Grand Lodge of England, as set forth in the returns made to him ; which Grand Lodge certificates shall have attached to them the seal of the District Grand Lodge, and be countersigned by the District Grand

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Master, or his Deputy, and by the District Grand Secretary.

113. When a return with payment for a District certificate has been made to a District Grand Master, or other Brother on his behalf, the Lodge making the same shall forthwith transmit to the Grand Secretary in London a duplicate of the return, signed by the Master and the Secretary or Treasurer, specifying the date when and the person to whom the return and payment have been made, and also specifying for whom the District Grand Master has issued certificates.

Duplicate returns to Grand Secretary.

114. The District Grand Master shall immediately, or with all reasonable expedition, forward to the Grand Secretary the returns received from the several Lodges in his district, together with the amount payable thereon, so that the Brethren may be duly registered, and the money placed to the credit of the respective Lodges in the Grand Lodge accounts.

Remittance of dues.

115. The Grand Master may confer on District Grand Masters, and on Masters of Lodges in the Colonies and foreign parts where there is no District Grand Master, a power of dispensation, in cases of emergency, for a Brother to be advanced

Dispensation to confer degrees at short intervals

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to a higher degree, at an interval of not less than one week instead of four weeks.

PRIVATE LODGES.

Petition for warrant for new Lodge.

116. Every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven Master Masons regularly registered under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, and specifying the Lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged. The petition must be recommended by the Master and Wardens of a regular Lodge, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary; and in the case of any petitioner who is not a present subscribing member of a Lodge, his clearance certificate from the last Lodge must also be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. If the Lodge is proposed to be holden in a Province or District, the petition and certificates are to be forwarded in the first instance to the Provincial or District Grand Master, as the case may be, or to his Deputy, who is to forward them with his recommendation or opinion thereon to the Grand Secretary for the decision of the Grand Master.

Provisional warrants.

117. The Grand Master may authorize District Grand Masters, in such Districts as he shall think proper, to grant provisional warrants for the form-

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ation of new Lodges within their respective Districts, upon the petition of any seven Master Masons regularly registered under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England. The authority when given to continue during the pleasure of the Grand Master.

118. Whenever such provisional warrant shall have been granted, the Master of the new Lodge shall, within one month, apply by petition to the Grand Master for a regular warrant of constitution, and upon receipt of such petition, which must state the fact that a provisional warrant has been granted, and be countersigned by the District Grand Master, a regular warrant shall be issued. Exchange of Provisional warrants.

119. The following is the form of petition for a warrant to hold a new Lodge :— Form of petition for warrant.

> "To the M.W. Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England :

"We the undersigned, being regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art ; and, for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons,

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we are desirous of forming a new Lodge, to be named . In consequence of this desire, we pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge, at on the , and there to discharge the duties of Masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of the Grand Lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend Brother [*A.B.*], who has served the office of Warden in a regular Lodge [*this qualification is only essential in the case of a petition for a new Lodge in England*], to be the first Master, Brother [*C.D.*] to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother [*E.F.*] to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge."

New Lodge must be regularly constituted.

120. In order to avoid irregularities, every new Lodge shall be solemnly constituted, according to antient usage, by the Grand Master with his Wardens; or, in the absence of the Grand Master, by his Deputy. If the Deputy be absent, the Grand Master may appoint some other grand Officer or Master or Past Master of a Lodge to act as Deputy *pro tempore*. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor its Officers admitted into the Grand Lodge or

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a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the Fund of Benevolence or other Masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

121. No Brother shall be installed as Master or invested as a Warden of a new Lodge, except the Brother named in the warrant for such office, unless by special sanction of the Grand Master. First officers cannot be altered.

122. Lodges shall rank in precedence in the order of their numbers as registered in the books of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Stewards' Lodge shall not have a number, but shall be registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and placed in the printed list at the head of all other Lodges, and rank accordingly. Precedence of Lodges.

123. The Grand Stewards' Lodge, being constituted as a Master Mason's Lodge, has no power of making, passing, or raising Masons. Grand Stewards' Lodge.

124. Every Lodge in a Province or District shall have a local as well as a general rank, so that if any Lodge be removed from one Province or District into another, although it is to retain its original number in the Grand Lodge books, and Local precedence of Lodges in Provinces and Districts.

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preserve the same rank in the Grand Lodge, and in all public meetings out of the Province or District into which it may have been removed, yet within such Province or District it is to rank immediately after the last Lodge registered therein, as well at the Provincial or District Grand Lodge as at public ceremonies within the Province or District, unless the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master preside. The seniority of Provincial or District Lodges in their particular Provinces or Districts is to be determined by the date of their registry in the books of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

A Lodge cannot act without warrant.

125. No Lodge, except while acting under dispensation in the Colonies or foreign parts, can meet without a warrant of Constitution from the Grand Master, which is to be specially intrusted to the Master for the time being at his installation, who is responsible for its safe custody, and shall produce it at every meeting of the Lodge. This regulation does not apply to the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, which act under immemorial constitutions.

Warrant lost or withheld.

126. If a warrant be lost or improperly withheld from those lawfully entitled to hold or use the same, or withheld by competent Masonic authority, the

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Lodge must suspend its meetings until a new warrant or warrant of confirmation has been applied for and granted by the Grand Master, in such terms or on such conditions as he may think proper, or until the warrant so withheld be restored.

127. If the warrant of a Lodge be sold, or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the Grand Master or District Grand Master, such warrant shall be forfeited, and the Lodge erased, and all Brethren concerned in such sale or irregularity shall be deemed to have committed a Masonic offence. Warrant not to be sold or irregularly procured.

128. Every Lodge must be distinguished by a name or title, as well as a number, and no Lodge shall be permitted to make any alteration in its name or title without the approval of the Grand Master, and in Provinces or Districts, also that of the Provincial or District Grand Master. Any such alteration must be immediately communicated to the Grand Secretary for registration. Lodge to bear name and number.

129. The regular Officers of a Lodge consist of the Master and his two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, Two Deacons, an inner Guard, and a Officers of a Lodge.

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Tyler. The Master may also appoint a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary and Stewards. No brother can hold more than one regular office in the Lodge at one and the same time.

In cases where officers other than Regular officers are appointed, the order of appointment shall be as follows:— Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Almoner, Organist, Assistant Secretary, Inner Guard, Stewards, Tyler.

The foregoing order of appointment and investiture gives no Brother the right to claim advancement by rotation. The appointment of all officers, except the Treasurer and Tyler, is in the sole discretion and power of the Master.

Election and installation of Master.

130. Every Lodge shall annually, on the day named in its by-laws for that purpose, proceed to elect its Master by ballot from among those of its members who have, or previously to the Installation of such Master shall have, served for one year (that is to say from one regular Installation Meeting until the next regular Installation Meeting) the office of Master, or Senior or Junior Warden, in a Regular Lodge warranted under the English

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Constitution, the service in case of a Warden to count from the date of investiture. The ballot shall be declared in favour of the member thus qualified who obtains the largest number of votes of the Brethren present and voting. At the next regular meeting the first business after the opening of the Lodge shall be the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, and if they be confirmed so far, at least, as relates to the election of a Master, he shall be deemed to be elected, and shall be duly installed in the chair according to antient usage. No master elect shall assume the Master's Chair until he has been regularly installed. Should the minutes of the election of Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge, setting forth that the Brethren will again proceed to elect a Master, and on the confirmation of the minutes of that election at the next regular meeting, the installation of the Master shall follow.

Qualification of Warden for Master's Chair.

130a. If the investiture of a Warden shall not have taken place at the Installation Meeting, and thereby the Member appointed has not served the office for one year as aforesaid, he cannot be installed Master of the Lodge except by special Dispensation from the Grand Master, which can

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only be granted on petition setting forth the circumstances under which the investiture was delayed, the actual service of the Member in the Warden's chair, and any special reasons for asking the Grand Master's intervention. The Installing Master shall not proceed to Installation of a Master unless satisfied that the requirements of Rule 130 have been complied with, or such Dispensation shall have been produced to him.

Deputy Master.

131. Should a Prince of the Blood Royal honour any private Lodge by accepting the office of Master, he may appoint a Deputy Master, who shall be regularly installed, and entitled when in office, to all the privileges of actual Master, and after he has served his period of office to those of a Past Master.

Master's obligation.

132. Every Master Elect, before being placed in the chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to preserve the Landmarks of the Order, to observe its antient usages and established customs, and strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

Master responsible for the observance of laws.

133. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws by the Lodge over which he presides.

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134. No Brother shall be Master of more than one Lodge at the same time without a Dispensation from the Grand Master, or, if in a District, from the District Grand Master.

Master of two Lodges at same time.

135. No Brother shall continue Master for more than two years in succession, unless by a dispensation, which may be granted by the Grand Master, or the Provincial or District Grand Master, in cases of actual necessity ; but he may be again elected after he has been out of that office one year. This regulation shall not extend to a Prince of the Blood Royal appointing a Deputy, but it shall to the Deputy.

Master's period of office.

136. Upon his installation the Master shall appoint and invest his Wardens and other Officers, and shall invest the Treasurer, who shall be annually elected by ballot on the regular day of election of Master, and also the Tyler, who is to be chosen by the Members of the Lodge, and may at any time be removed for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the Brethren present at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

Appointment and election of officers.

137. *Expunged by Vote of Grand Lodge, June 7th,* 1899.

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Disqualification for office.

138. No proprietor or manager of the tavern or house at which the Lodge meets shall hold any office in the Lodge without a dispensation from the Grand Master or the Provincial or District Grand Master.

Master and Wardens to attend summonses.

139. The Master and Wardens and members of every Lodge when summoned to do so, shall attend the Grand Master or his Deputy, or the Provincial or District Grand Master or his Deputy, or the Board of General Purposes, or any other Board or Committee authorised by the Grand Lodge ; and if required shall produce the warrant, books and papers of the Lodge under pain of suspension and of being reported to the Grand Lodge.

Removal of Officers.

140. Should the Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of the Officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge at a regular meeting ; seven days' notice thereof in writing having been previously sent to the Brother complained of, and if it shall appear to the majority of the Brethren present that the complaint be well founded, the Master shall have power to displace such Officer, and to appoint another. If a vacancy shall occur in any office other than that of Treasurer

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or Tyler, the Master shall appoint a Brother to serve such office for the remainder of the year, and if the vacancy be in the office of Treasurer or Tyler the Lodge shall, after due notice in the summons, elect a successor for the remainder of the year.

141. If the Master shall die, be removed, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and in the absence of both Wardens, the Immediate Past Master, or in his absence the Senior Past Master, shall act as master in summoning the Lodge, until the next installation of Master. In the Master's absence, the Immediate Past Master, or, if he be absent, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge present, or if no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Past Master who is a subscribing member of the Lodge shall take the chair. And if no Past Master who is a member of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the Lodge. When a Warden rules the Lodge, he shall not occupy the Master's chair, nor can initiations take place or degrees be conferred unless the chair be occupied by a Brother who is a Master or Past Master in the Craft. Death or incapacity of Master.

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Grand Master to preside when visiting.

142. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right, and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. His Wardens, if present, are also to act as Wardens of the Lodge during the time he presides; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

Deputy Grand Master to preside when visiting.

143. Unless the Grand Master be present, the Deputy Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, the Master of the Lodge being placed on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of the Lodge during the time he presides.

Provincial or District Grand Master to preside when visiting.

144. The Provincial or District Grand Master may preside in any Lodge he visits within his Province or District, his Deputy being placed on his right, and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand; his Wardens, if present, shall act as Wardens of the Lodge during the time he presides; but if they be absent, the Provincial or District Grand Master may direct the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

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145. Unless the Provincial or District Grand Master be present, his Deputy may preside in any Lodge he may visit within his Province or District, the Master of the Lodge being placed on his right hand. The Provincial or District Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of the Lodge during the time he presides.

Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master may preside.

146. The Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, when visiting the Lodges in his Province or District, shall, in the absence of the Provincial or District Grand Master, rank for the time being as Provincial or District Grand Master, and take precedence accordingly.

Rank when visiting.

147. The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers, present or past, to visit any Lodge whenever he may think fit to do so.

Grand Officers visiting by command.

148. The Provincial or District Grand Master may send any of his Provincial or District Grand Officers, present or past, to visit any Lodge in his Province or District whenever he may think fit to do so.

Provincial and District Grand Officers visiting by command.

149. The Master and Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages

Visiting enjoined on Master and Wardens.

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and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding cultivated amongst Freemasons.

Admission of visitors.

150. No Brother subject to the English jurisdiction shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally known to, and vouched for by one of the Brethren present, or unless he shall be well vouched for after due examination, and no Brother who is not subject to the English jurisdiction shall be admitted unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge professing belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. and not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of the Order. In all cases satisfactory proof of identity must be produced if required, and every visitor during his presence in a Lodge is subject to its by-laws.

Refusal of admission to visitors.

151. It is within the power of the Master of every private Lodge to refuse admission to any visitor whose presence he has reason to believe will disturb the harmony of the Lodge, or to any visitor of known bad character.

Disqualification to visit.

152. No Brother who has ceased to be a subscribing member of a Lodge shall be permitted to

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visit any one Lodge more than once until he again become a subscribing member of some Lodge.

153. All Lodges held within ten miles of Freemasons' Hall, London, are London Lodges, and are to pay the London dues and fees. London Lodges.

154. All Lodges held at a greater distance than ten miles from Freemasons' Hall, London, are Provincial or District Lodges, and are under the immediate superintendence of the Provincial or District Grand Master within whose jurisdiction they meet. Provincial or District Lodges.

155. When any military Lodge, under the constitution of England, shall be out of England, it shall be conducted so as not to give offence to the Masonic authorities of the country or place in which it may sojourn, never losing sight of the duties it owes to the Grand Lodge of England, to which communication is ever to be made, and all fees and dues regularly transmitted. Military Lodges abroad.

156. No military Lodge shall initiate into Masonry any inhabitant or sojourner in any town or place at which its members may be stationed, or through which they may be marching, nor any Military Lodges confined to the military profession.

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person who does not at the time belong to the military profession, nor any military person below the rank of a corporal, except as serving Brethren, or by dispensation from the Grand Master, or Provincial or District Grand Master of the Province or District wherein the Lodge may be held.

Surrender or exchange of warrant.

157. If the military body to which a Lodge is attached be disbanded or reduced, the Brethren shall transmit the warrant to the Grand Secretary; but if a competent number of the Brethren remain together they may apply for another warrant of the same number, to be holden as a civil Lodge, at such place as may be convenient and approved of by the Grand Master. Such warrant to be granted without any additional expense.

Sanction for Lodge of Instruction.

158. No Lodge of Instruction shall be holden unless under the sanction of a regular warranted Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving its sanction, and the Brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings, and responsible that the mode of working adopted has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

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159. Notice of the times and places of meeting of Lodges of Instruction within the London District shall be submitted for approval to the Grand Secretary, and in Provinces and Districts to the Provincial and District Grand Secretaries respectively.

Time and place of meeting of Lodges of Instruction to be approved.

160. Lodges of Instruction shall keep minutes recording the names of all Brethren present at each meeting, and of Brethren appointed to hold office, and such minutes shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Provincial or District Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes, or the Lodge granting the sanction.

Minutes of Lodges of Instruction.

161. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction; provided notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

Withdrawal of sanction from Lodge of Instruction.

162. Every Lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its government, provided they are not inconsistent with the regulations of the Grand

By-laws.

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Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the Grand Secretary for the approval of the Grand Master, being in the case of a Provincial or District Lodge sent through the Provincial or District Grand Master, for his approval previously to transmission. When finally approved, a printed copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary, and, in the case of a Provincial or District Lodge, also to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must, in like manner, be submitted. No law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. The by-laws of the Lodge shall be printed, and a copy shall be delivered to the Master on his installation, who by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them.

Submission to by-laws.

163. Every Brother shall be supplied with a printed copy of the by-laws of the Lodge when he becomes a member, and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.

Time and place of meeting.

164. The regular days of meeting of the Lodge and its place of meeting shall be specified in the by-laws, and no meeting of the Lodge shall be held elsewhere, except as herein otherwise pro-

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vided ; such by-laws shall also specify the regular meeting for the election of the Master, Treasurer, and Tyler.

165. Should the regular meeting of a Lodge fall on Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a public holiday, the meeting may be held on the day before or the day after, at the discretion of the Master ; and if in any Lodge it should become impossible to hold the regular meeting upon the day named in the by-laws for that purpose, the Grand Master, and in provinces and districts the Provincial and District Grand Master, may grant a dispensation for the holding of such meeting upon a day not more than fourteen days before or after the day fixed by the by-laws, which day shall for all purposes be deemed the regular day of meeting, except that this Rule shall not over-ride the provisions of Rule 195.

Meetings falling on public holidays.

Altering day of meeting by dispensation.

166. A Lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the Master, or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon.

Emergency meetings.

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Removal of Lodges.

167. Unless otherwise specified in the warrant, any Lodge may be removed from one house to another, provided the following regulations be strictly complied with :—

If at any regular meeting a notice of motion for the removal of the Lodge be given and signed by not fewer than seven subscribing members, the Master shall summon a special meeting of the Lodge for considering and finally deciding the question ; such meeting to be at least one week after the issuing of the summons. The proposition shall not be carried unless two-thirds of the members voting shall agree to the removal. If the Master should fail or refuse to issue the summons, that duty shall devolve on the Senior Warden, or failing him, the Junior Warden.

Temporary removal.

168. If the meeting of a Lodge at its regular place should, by any circumstance, be rendered impracticable or improper, the Master shall forthwith apply to the Grand Master or Provincial or District Grand Master for a dispensation to hold a temporary meeting, or meetings, at a specified place, and there, if so authorised by the terms of the dispensation, carry on the general business of the Lodge, or determine, in the manner of voting above described, whether the Lodge shall be permanently removed.

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169. No London Lodge, or Lodge in the Colonies or foreign parts not within a District, can be removed without the consent of the Grand Master, and no Provincial Lodge can be removed without the consent of the Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master. If the proposed removal should be from one Province or District into another, the consent of the Provincial or District Grand Master of each Province or District must be obtained. With respect to Lodges within Districts, the consent of the District Grand Master is alone required for the removal of a Lodge from one place to another within the same District. Consent to removal.

170. When a Lodge shall have resolved to alter its place or day of meeting, a copy of the minutes of the Lodge relating to such alteration shall be forthwith sent to the Grand Secretary, and where the Lodge is held in a Province or District, also to the Provincial or District Grand Master, that it may be ascertained whether the laws have been strictly complied with, and in order that the alteration may be duly recorded. The Officers of a removed Lodge shall not be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge or Provincial or District Grand Lodge until these regulations have been complied with. Removal to be recorded.

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Furniture of Lodges.

171. The jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are the property of, the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the members of the Lodge ; and the proprietor or manager of the house wherein the Lodge is held shall have no lien thereon, nor shall he be suffered to acquire the jewels or furniture of such Lodge under the penalty of the forfeiture by the Lodge of its warrant of constitution.

Minutes.

172. Every Lodge shall keep a book, to be called the minute book, in which the Master, or the Brother appointed by him as Secretary, shall regularly enter from time to time :—

First,—The names of all persons initiated, passed, or raised in the Lodge, or who shall become members thereof, with the dates of their proposal, initiation, passing, and raising or admission respectively, together with their ages, addresses, titles, professions, or occupations.

Secondly,—The names of all members present at each meeting of the Lodge, together with those of all visiting Brethren, with their Lodges and Masonic rank.

Thirdly,—Minutes of all such transactions of the the Lodge as are proper to be written.

The minutes can only be confirmed at a subsequent regular meeting of the Lodge.

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173. Every Lodge shall keep a register of its members, and once in each year transmit direct to the Grand Secretary a regular list, signed by the Master and Secretary, of its contributing members and of the Brethren who have been initiated, passed, or raised therein since the last return, with the dates of conferring those degrees respectively; also of all Brethren who have joined the Lodge during that period, with the dates of their so joining, and the name and number of the Lodge from which they joined, and also stating the ages, addresses, titles, professions or occupations of all such newly admitted or joining Brethren. **Annual return of members.**

174. Every Lodge, when it makes the return of its contributing members, and of the Brethren whom it has initiated or admitted, shall make a remittance for the registration fees, joining fees, fees for certificates, and quarterly contributions from each of its contributing members to the Fund of Benevolence [306-7], also the annual contributions to the Building Fund according to Rule 308. **Remittance of fees, &c.**

175. No Lodge shall pay the quarterly contribution or contribution to the Building Fund of Grand Lodge under Rule 308, for a member who is **Payments not to be made for members in arrear.**

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in arrear, but his name shall nevertheless be returned with the words "in arrear" written against it, and when the arrears are received, the contributions to the Grand Lodge shall be duly paid. Should a member be three years in arrear, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Lodge, and can only become a member again by regular proposition and ballot according to Rule 189. The Lodge may require payment of the arrears as a condition precedent to election. This rule shall not prevent a Lodge proceeding against any of its members under Rule 210 for non-payment of contributions according to its by-laws, for a shorter period than three years. When a Brother ceases to be a member under this Rule, the fact shall be forthwith notified to the Grand Secretary, and if the Lodge be within a Province or District, also to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge. The provisions of Rules 211, 212, and 213 shall apply in such a case, as if a Brother had been excluded by vote.

Exclusion of members three years in arrears.

Return by Provincial and District Lodges.

176. Every Provincial and District Lodge shall make a return similar to that required to be made to the Grand Secretary once in each year, or oftener if required, to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary, and transmit therewith all

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money payable to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

177. All money received or paid for or on account of a Lodge, shall be from time to time regularly entered in proper books, which shall be the property of the Lodge. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited, at least once in every year, by a Committee appointed by the Lodge. Treasurer's accounts.

178. To prevent injury to individuals, by being excluded from the privileges of Masonry through neglect in not registering their names or paying their Grand Lodge dues, any Brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof that he has paid the full fees to his Lodge, including the registration fee, shall be capable of enjoying all the privileges of the Craft, and the offending Lodge shall be reported to the Board of General Purposes, and rigorously proceeded against for detaining moneys which are the property of the Grand Lodge. Rights of initiated Brethren not prejudiced by neglect to make returns.

179. Every Lodge shall annually, immediately after the installation of the Master, make a return to the Grand Secretary of the Master, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodge, and of all members who claim to be entitled to attend the Grand Lodge Annual return of Officers.

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as Past Masters, having served the office of Master in some other Lodge, specifying the Lodge in which each of them has served the office of Master; and no Brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in such return. This return shall also contain the full name and address of the Secretary of the Lodge.

Penalty for neglect to make returns.

180. If any Lodge shall during the space of twelve months neglect to make its return and payments to the Grand Lodge according to these regulations, it shall be liable to erasure, and the Master, Past Masters, and Wardens shall not be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge or sit upon any Board or Committee, by virtue of any qualification derived from such Lodge. This disqualification shall cease when the returns and payments shall be made.

Lodge may regulate its own proceedings.

181. The majority of the members present at any Lodge duly summoned have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of the Lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, except on the ground of its

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being contrary to the laws and usages of the Craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher Masonic authority.

182. Whenever it shall happen that the votes are equal upon any question to be decided by a majority, either by ballot or otherwise, the Master in the chair shall be entitled to give a second or casting vote. Voting.

183. Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our antient and honourable Fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice being given or enquiry made into their characters and qualifications, and from passing and raising Masons without due instruction in the respective degrees, it is declared to be specially incumbent on all members of Lodges to see that particular attention be paid to these several points. Enquiry before admission of member.

184. No person shall be made a Mason without having been proposed and seconded at one regular Lodge, and balloted for at the next regular Lodge, which ballot shall not take place unless his name, age, profession or occupation, and place of abode, with the names of his proposer and seconder, have Election of candidates for initation

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been sent in the summons to all the members of the Lodge.

Initiation in cases of emergency.

185. In cases of emergency, the following course may be pursued. Any two members of a Lodge may transmit in writing to the Master the name, age, profession or occupation, and place of abode of any candidate whom they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and if in his opinion the emergency be real, the Master shall notify the proposition to every member of his Lodge, either in the summons for the next regular meeting, or in a summons for a Lodge of emergency, to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons, and if the candidate be then approved on the ballot, he may be initiated. The Master shall previously to the ballot being taken read the proposition, and state to the Lodge the cause of the emergency, which shall be recorded in the minutes.

Qualification for initiation

186. No person shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master or Provincial or District Grand Master. Every candidate must be a free man, and at the time of initiation in reputable circumstances.

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187. Previously to his initiation, every candidate must subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import, viz. :— Declaration of candidate.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers, and Members of the Lodge of
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I, being a free man, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare that, unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that I am prompted by a favourable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the antient usages and established customs of the Order. Witness my hand, this of

Witness

N.B.—A person who cannot write is consequently ineligible to be admitted into the Order.

188. No other Lodge shall initiate any non-commissioned officer or corporal belonging to a regiment or battalion to which a military Lodge is attached, nor shall any Lodge initiate any military person below the rank of a corporal, except as a serving Brother, or by dispensation from the Grand Master, or Provincial or District Grand Military candidates

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Master of the Province or District wherein the Lodge may at the time be held.

Joining members

189. No Brother shall be admitted a joining member of a Lodge without being proposed and seconded in open Lodge at a regular meeting, after which his name, profession or occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member or in which he was initiated, shall be sent to all the members in the summons, for the next regular Lodge meeting; at which meeting the Brother's Grand Lodge certificate, and also the clearance certificate from his present or former Lodge (mentioned in Rule 213) must be produced, and the decision of the Brethren ascertained by ballot. When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge, on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary, stating the fact, and specifying whether the Brother has been registered and his quarterage duly paid.

Every Brother who has been initiated into Masonry in a regular Lodge not under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England shall, previously to becoming a member of any Lodge, declare in open Lodge his adhesion to the Book of

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Constitutions, and promise due obedience to the Grand Master and the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge, and the fact shall be recorded on the Lodge Minutes.

190. No person can be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of, a Lodge, if, on the ballot, three black balls appear against him; but the by-laws of a Lodge may enact that one or two black balls shall exclude a candidate; and by-laws may also enact that a prescribed period shall elapse before any rejected candidate can be again proposed in that Lodge. Rejection on ballot.

191. Every Lodge must receive as a member without further proposition or ballot, any Brother initiated therein, except a serving Brother, unless such Brother express his wish to the contrary on or before the day of his initiation, as no Lodge should introduce into Masonry a person whom the Brethren consider unfit to be a member of their own Lodge. Initiate may claim membership.

192. No Lodge shall initiate into Masonry more than five persons on the same day, unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master, or the Provincial or District Grand Master, which dispensation shall specify the total number to be initiated. Number of initiates same day limited.

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Charge for Initiation.

193. No person shall be made a Mason for less than five guineas, inclusive of the registration and certificate fees, in England; nor for less than three guineas, exclusive of registration and certificate fees, abroad; and no Lodge shall remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum.

Initiation and status of serving Brethren.

This is not to extend to the making of serving Brethren, who may be initiated by the Lodge which they are to serve, or for the service of the Grand Lodge, provided that no fee be taken, and that a dispensation from the Grand Master or Provincial or District Grand Master, be first obtained, which shall be specified in the return made to the Grand Secretary, when the serving Brother shall be registered free of expense, but must pay for his Grand Lodge certificate. A Brother so initiated cannot be a member of the Lodge in which he was initiated unless he be afterwards duly proposed and elected as in the case of a joining member, upon which event he shall pay the same fees as an initiate, and on so doing he will be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the Craft.

He is, however, eligible to become a subscribing member of any other Lodge; and upon being registered a joining member of such other Lodge, and paying his contributions in like manner with other members, he shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the Craft.

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In case there be no other Lodge in the vicinity of his dwelling of which he can become a member he may be permitted to pay through the Lodge in which he was initiated the quarterly dues to the Fund of Benevolence; and after having served the Lodge and paid such dues for ten years at least, he shall be eligible to be relieved in case of distress, and entitled to the other privileges of the Craft in the same manner as if he had been a regular subscribing member.

194. The member who proposes a candidate is responsible to the Lodge for all the fees payable on account of the initiation. Proposer responsible for fees.

195. No Lodge shall confer more than one degree on any Brother on the same day, nor shall a higher degree be conferred on any Brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except as provided by Rule 115, nor until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in that degree. Intervals between degrees.

196. Every Brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon his being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, for which certificate the Lodge shall transmit the fee. Initiate entitled to Grand Lodge certificate.

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Lost Certificate.

197. In case a certificate be lost or destroyed, of which satisfactory proof must be adduced, the Grand Secretary may issue a duplicate to any Brother applying for the same on payment of the regular fee.

Certificate must be signed.

198. Every Brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid.

Disqualification for certificate.

199. No Grand Lodge certificate shall be issued to any Brother if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of Masonry at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except as provided by Rule 115,

Certificate exchanged after advancement.

200. A Brother who shall have obtained a Grand Lodge certificate of the first or second degree shall, after he has been regularly advanced to a superior degree, be entitled to exchange such certificate for one of the superior degree without additional expense.

Application for certificate.

201. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary by a regular Lodge, except in Colonial and Foreign Districts, where a District Grand Master is appointed, and to whom Grand Lodge certificates

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may be forwarded as provided by Rule 112. If the name of the Brother for whom the certificate is required has not previously been registered, the fee payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can be issued until such fee has been paid.

202. No Lodge, or Officer or member of a Lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief. Certificate for begging purposes.

203. No Lodge shall grant a private Lodge certificate to a Brother, except the certificate mentioned in Rule 213, or a certificate of all dues having been paid to enable him to join another Lodge; for neither of which certificates shall any charge be made. Private Lodge certificate.

204. A Brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, or even as a Assisting at irregular Lodges.

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visitor, into any regular Lodge, nor shall he be entitled to relief from the Fund of Benevolence, nor to any other Masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

Printing or publishing proceedings.

205. No Brother shall print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, without the consent of the Grand Master, or Provincial or District Grand Master, or print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, anything which by the laws and regulations of Masonry is improper to be published. Nor shall any Brother publish or circulate any document relating to any case of Masonic complaint before the regularly constituted authorities, until after final adjudication thereon, and then only if the same be proper to be published according to the laws of Masonry.

This law does not extend to furnishing printed copies of documents for the use of any Board or Committee investigating such case of Masonic complaint, provided the same are sent through the Grand Secretary, Provincial or District Grand Secretary, or the Secretary of such Board or Committee respectively, nor to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a Lodge by the authority of the

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Master, nor to the proceedings of any Festival or public meeting at which persons not Masons are permitted to be present.

206. No Brother shall appear clothed in any of the jewels, collars, or badges of the Craft, in any procession, or at any funeral, ball, theatre, public assembly, or meeting, or at any place of public resort, unless the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, or District Grand Master, as the case may be, shall have previously given a dispensation for Brethren to be there present in Masonic clothing. Public appearance in Masonic clothing.

207. A Lodge or Brother offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, or of a Provincial or District Grand Master, be subject to admonition, fine, or suspension. Breach of regulations.

208. If fine be the punishment awarded, it shall be, for the first offence, not less than one pound nor more than five pounds; for a second offence of a similar nature within three years, it shall be not less than two nor more than ten pounds; and if the Lodge or Brother shall refuse to pay the fine, Fines.

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or be guilty of a third offence within three years of the second offence, the Lodge shall be liable to be erased or the Brother to be expelled.

All fines shall be applied to the Fund of Benevolence.

Exclusion from Lodge for remainder of meeting.

209. If any Brother behave in Lodge in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, he shall be formally admonished by the Master; and if he persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished by censure, fine, or exclusion for the remainder of the meeting, according to the opinion of the majority of the members present, or the case may be reported to higher Masonic authority.

Permanent exclusion.

210. Every Lodge has the power to permanently exclude any of its members for sufficient cause, provided that such member shall have received due notice in writing of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, when he may attend and be heard; such notice shall be considered duly served if sent to the last known address by registered post. This power of exclusion can only be exercised by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present. The name of every Brother excluded from a Lodge, with the cause of exclusion, shall be forthwith sent

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to the Grand Secretary; and if the Lodge be a Provincial or District Lodge, also to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary.

N.B.—The term expelled *is only used when a Brother is removed from the Craft by the Grand Lodge. Upon a removal of a Brother from a private Lodge the term* excluded *only is applicable,*

211. Should the Grand Master be satisfied that any Brother has been illegally or without sufficient cause, excluded from any of his Masonic functions or privileges, he may order him to be reinstated, and may suspend, until the next ensuing quarterly communication, any Lodge failing to comply with his order. Power to reinstate excluded Brethren.

A Provincial Grand Master has the same power within his Province.

A District Grand Master has the same power within his District, and in case of failure to comply with his order may suspend the offending Lodge during such time as he thinks proper.

212. If any member shall be excluded from his Lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws, or with the Excluded Brethren joining another Lodge.

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general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible to join any other Lodge until that Lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the Brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission, and any Lodge failing to make due enquiry shall be liable to pay the arrears, if any, owing by such Brother to the Lodge from which he has been excluded or has withdrawn as aforesaid.

Certificate to be furnished, and produced when joining.

213. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign, or shall be excluded, or whenever at a subsequent time, he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the Lodge; and such certificate is to be required by, and to be produced to, any other Lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previously to the ballot being taken.

Differences and complaints not in Provinces or Districts.

214. All differences between, or complaints of, members of London Lodges, or of Lodges in places where no Provincial or District Grand Master is appointed, that cannot be accommodated privately or in a regular Lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay the same before the Grand Master or the Board of General Purposes, or other Board or

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Committee specially appointed by the Grand Lodge. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case investigated, such order and adjudication shall be made as the laws and regulations of Masonry authorise.

Differences and complaints in Provinces.

215. Complaints against Lodges or Brethren in the Provinces must in all cases be made to the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy, failing whose attention thereto the complaint may be transmitted to the Board of General Purposes.

In Districts.

216. Complaints against Lodges or Brethren in Districts must be made either to the District Grand Master or to the District Grand Lodge.

Appeals.

217. Any Lodge or Brother who feels aggrieved by the decision of a Provincial Grand Master, a District Grand Master, or District Grand Lodge, or of any Board or Committee or of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction whatsoever, may appeal against such decision to the next practicable meeting of the Grand Lodge. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted, together with all documentary evidence, to the Grand Secretary twenty-one days at least before

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the next practicable meeting of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by a certificate that notices and copies of the appeal have been sent by the appellant to the authority against whose decision the appeal is made, and also to the opposite party; and upon the receipt of the appeal and certificates by the Grand Secretary, he shall forthwith give notice thereof to the authority whose decision is thereby called in question; and on the hearing of the appeal the proof of the service of the notices and copies of appeal shall, unless admitted, be upon the appellant. Such notices shall be considered duly served if proved to have been sent by post and registered.

No appeal can be received unless couched in proper and respectful language.

Applications to Grand Master.

218. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, except through the Grand Secretary.

Meeting to discuss formation of Sovereign Grand Lodge.

218a. In a Colony or Foreign part in which a District Grand Lodge exists, if the District Grand Master shall think proper to grant a dispensation for that purpose, it shall be lawful for any Lodge to hold a special meeting, or meetings, to discuss and resolve on the question of the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge for or including the

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District or part thereof, or any neighbouring District or part thereof, or any Lodges not in a District. Such dispensation may be granted subject to any conditions that the District Grand Master may deem proper, and also to provisions enabling two or more Lodges to unite in the special meeting; and, if the District Grand Master should refuse to grant a dispensation, an appeal may be made to the Grand Master. In a Colony or Foreign part in which more than one District Grand Lodge exists the same procedure shall be adopted in each District, and before any Grand Lodge shall be recognised as having jurisdiction over the whole of such Colony or Foreign part, the consent of each District Grand Lodge shall be certified by the District Grand Master thereof.

Regulations to be observed.

218b. Whenever Grand Lodge shall, with the assent of the Grand Master, recognise a Grand Lodge as a regular and independent Sovereign Body, having jurisdiction in any Colony or Foreign part where a District Grand Lodge or Lodges not in a District exist, and the Grand Master shall signify it is not his intention to grant for the future any warrant for a new Lodge in that jurisdiction, the following rules shall apply :—

1. Within six months after recognition the Master of every Lodge in such jurisdiction

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shall convene a special meeting of the Lodge on not less than twenty-one days' notice to every member; failing the Master, the District Grand Master or the acting Deputy shall convene such meeting, and preside thereat.

2. The Brethren present at such meeting, whose names appear as subscribing members on the last return filed with the Grand Secretary, shall decide whether they desire that the Lodge shall continue under the Grand Lodge of England or not. If the decision be to join the new Grand Lodge, the Brethren shall, at the same meeting, decide in whom the property and effects of the Lodge shall be vested, and the Warrant shall be forthwith returned to the Grand Secretary to be delivered up to the Grand Master. A majority of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to carry such resolutions.

3. No questions shall be discussed or put at such meeting other than those above prescribed.

4. Immediately after such meeting a full copy of the minutes and a list from the signature book of all members attending, together with the numbers voting for or against, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, verified under the hand of the presiding Master,

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and countersigned by the Secretary of the Lodge.

5. No second meeting shall be called to discuss the above questions without the special leave of the Grand Master.

219. Whenever the number of Subscribing Members of any Lodge, as shown on the last return to Grand Lodge, shall be fewer than five, the Lodge shall cease to meet, and the warrant, books, and papers shall be delivered up to the Grand Master, who may, nevertheless, if he thinks proper, grant a dispensation to enable the members to meet, subject to such conditions as he may deem expedient, until he finally decides whether or not the Lodge shall be continued. Lodge with less than five members.

220. Should a Lodge fail to meet for one year, it shall be liable to be erased. Lodge failing to meet.

221. Should a Lodge be dissolved the warrant, books, and papers shall be delivered up to the Grand Master. No warrant can be transferred under any circumstances. Surrender of warrant.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

222. The fund appropriated to the object of Benevolence shall be solely devoted to charity. Fund of Benevolence.

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Meetings and Constitution of Board of Benevolence.

223. The distribution and application of this fund shall take place on the last Wednesday but one of every month, excepting in December, when it shall be the third Wednesday, by a Board of Benevolence, which shall consist of a President, to be appointed by the Grand Master, and two Vice-Presidents, to be elected at the Grand Lodge in December, and of all the present and past Grand Officers, and all actual Masters of Lodges, and twelve Past Masters of Lodges to be nominated at the General Committee annually in November, and to be elected by the Grand Lodge in December, in the same manner as the elected members of the Board of General Purposes; but no Past Master shall be eligible to be re-elected who shall have neglected to attend the Board of Benevolence at six meetings.

Disqualification.

224. No Master shall act as a member of the Board of Benevolence if his Lodge have neglected to make its returns and pay its contributions to the funds of the Grand Lodge during the preceding twelve months.

Election of Vice-Presidents

225. At the General Committee next preceding the Grand Lodge in December, Brethren shall be nominated for election to the offices of Senior and

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Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence, and the names so nominated shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in December, who shall elect a Senior Vice-President and a Junior Vice-President, out of the names submitted for those offices respectively, in the same manner as in the case of elected members of the Board of General Purposes.

Death or removal of members.

226. If the President, or either of the Vice-Presidents, or any of the twelve elected Past Masters die or be removed, the vacancy shall be filled up. If it be the President, by the Grand Master; if it be one elected by the Grand Lodge, then by the Grand Lodge at the next quarterly communication. In cases where an election is to take place in the Grand Lodge, notice thereof shall be given in the General Committee, and the names of candidates nominated to fill such vacancies must also then be given.

Absent Masters may be represented

227. If the actual Master of the year of any Lodge cannot attend, the immediate Past Master may supply his place; should that Brother be unable to attend, any other Past Master of such Lodge may act for him; but in every case the Past Master must be a subscribing member of the Lodge.

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Qualification for re-election as Vice-President.

228. No Brother shall be nominated for re-election as a Vice-President, who shall have failed to attend the Board of Benevolence at six meetings during the twelve months immediately preceding.

Absence of President or Vice-President.

229. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-President, and in the absence of both, the Junior Vice-President shall take the chair; should all three be absent, the Brother present who is highest in rank and seniority shall preside; and if either of the Vice-Presidents shall be absent, or be in the chair, his place shall be filled in like manner.

Responsibility of President.

230. The Brother presiding shall be bound strictly to enforce all the regulations of the Craft respecting the distribution of this fund, and shall be satisfied, before any petition be read, that all the required formalities have been complied with.

Canvassing not permitted.

231. The members shall not be subject to canvass or previous solicitation, but shall have their minds free from prejudice, to decide on the merits of each case with the impartiality and purity of Masonic feeling. If it shall appear that this rule has been wilfully transgressed, the consideration of the case shall be deferred for the space of three months.

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232. If any Master of a Lodge or any member of the Board shall canvass or otherwise solicit on behalf of a petitioner, he shall be rendered incapable of attending as a member of the Board of Benevolence for twelve months. Penalty for canvassing.

233. No member shall at any time vote upon the petition of any person for whom he may have been canvassed, or to whom he is related, nor upon the petition of a Brother, or widow of a Brother who is, or was, a member of a Lodge to which he himself belongs. Such member may be heard on the merits of the petition, but must then withdraw. Disqualification from voting.

234. Except as hereinafter provided, no Mason registered under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England shall receive the benefit of this fund unless he have paid the full initiation or joining fee, have continued a subscribing member to a contributing Lodge for at least five years, and during that period paid his quarterly dues to the Fund of Benevolence. The limitation of five years, however, does not apply to the cases of shipwreck, capture at sea, loss by fire, or blindness, or serious accident, fully attested and proved. Any Brother who has ceased subscribing for the immediate past twenty years shall not be eligible Qualifications for relief.

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to petition the Board unless he has previously subscribed to his Lodge for fifteen years or upwards.

Secretaries exempted from subscription.

235. Secretaries who, by the by-laws of their Lodges are exempted from the payment of subscription, shall be considered in all respects as regular subscribing members of their Lodges, their services being equivalent to subscription, provided their dues to the Grand Lodge have been paid.

Serving Brethren.

236. A serving Brother who, under the provisions of Rule 193, has paid, through the Lodge in which he was initiated, the quarterly dues to the Fund of Benevolence for ten years at least, is eligible to be relieved in case of distress, in the same manner as if he had been a regular subscribing member.

Neglect to make payments to be reported.

237. If, on enquiry into any petition, it shall appear that any Brother has paid to his Lodge the full fees, including the register fee, and also five years' quarterage, but that the Lodge has neglected to register such Brother or transmit the dues to the Grand Lodge, the Board of Benevolence may relieve the petitioner, and shall forthwith report the case to the Board of General Purposes, that the

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Lodge may be rigorously proceeded against for withholding moneys the property of the Grand Lodge.

238. The Board of Benevolence may also grant relief to the indigent widow, or child, of a deceased Mason registered in accordance with Rule 234 or who was a subscribing member of a Colonial Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England and who would himself have been qualified to receive assistance; or of a Brother who shall have died within five years from the period of his initiation, or of his having joined an English Lodge from a Foreign Lodge, and who shall have continued a subscribing member to the time of his decease. Relief of widows and children.

239. Before the petition of a widow or child shall be taken into consideration, the Grand Lodge or other Masonic certificate of the deceased Brother, and those of his marriage and death, or burial, and in the cases of children, of their births or baptisms, shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary. In the case of loss of any of the above-named certificates, or impossibility to procure them, the Board may, nevertheless, grant relief if such loss or impossibility be proved, and the facts otherwise established to the satisfaction of the Board. Certificates required.

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Limit of time for relief to children.

240. When application for relief is made on behalf of a child or children only, such application must be made within five years of the death of the father, and whilst the child or children is or are under age.

Foreign Petitioners.

241. Brethren under the constitution of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, as well as of Foreign Grand Lodges, and members of Colonial Lodges, may be relieved on the production of certificates from their respective Grand Lodges, or other sufficient certificates and testimonials to the satisfaction of the Board of Benevolence, and proof of identity and distress, and of having paid at least five years' subscription to a regular Lodge, it being understood that in the case of Foreign Brethren, such relief if exceeding five pounds, except in case of sickness, is intended to assist them to return to their native land, or to any country in which they have been established or have friends.

Petitions for relief.

242. Applications for relief must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Lodge in which and the time when he (or the husband or father, in the case of the petition of a widow, child, or children) was

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initiated, and the other Lodges, if any, which he afterwards joined, The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign the petition.

243. To every petition must be added a recommendation, signed in open Lodge, by the Master, Wardens, and a majority of the members then present, of a Lodge to which the petitioner (or the husband or a father, in the case of the petition of a widow, child or children), does or did belong, certifying that they know him or have good reasons for believing him to have been in reputable, or at least tolerable circumstances, and that he has or had been not less than five years an actual contributing member, paying the stipulated subscriptions to the funds of a regular Lodge, as well as quarterage to the Fund of Benevolence, when not included in the subscription to the Lodge, with such other observations as they may think proper. If the Lodge cannot certify to any necessary fact, the same may be struck out and the real fact inserted, with any explanation that may be advisable. It shall not be permissible for any Lodge to refuse to certify as to any of its petitioning members or their widows or children ; but if a Lodge has been erased or suspended, or has temporarily ceased to meet, or its next regular meeting will not be held within a convenient time, then

Recommendation of petition.

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the necessary recommendation may be made by some other Lodge which contributes to the Fund and can give the necessary information. Every petition recommended by a Provincial or District Lodge shall be forwarded to the Provincial or District Grand Secretary of the Province or District in which the applicant's Lodge is situate, for his report on the circumstances therein set forth ; but in the case of members of unattached Colonial Lodges, and of Brethren under the constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Ireland or Scotland, or of Foreign Lodges, a recommendation attached to the petition and signed by a Brother registered under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England shall be sufficient.

Form of recommendation.

244. To prevent mistakes in the recommendation of petitions, the following form is proposed which may be altered as circumstances require.

We, the undersigned, being the Master, Wardens, and majority of the members present, in open Lodge assembled, of Lodge No.
called and held at
this day of
19 , do hereby certify, that the within-named petitioner has been a regular contributing member, paying the stipulated sub-

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scription to this Lodge, for the space of years, and that we have known him, or have good reasons for believing him to have been, in reputable circumstances, and do therefore recommend him to the Board of Benevolence for relief, having satisfactory grounds for believing the allegations set forth in his petition to be true.

245. A visit shall be paid to every applicant by the Master or some member of the Lodge, or some other Brother, who shall, in writing, on a form to be from time to time settled by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence and the Grand Secretary, certify to the best of his information and belief to the actual condition of the applicant, his age, profession or calling, means of subsistence, what aid he receives from his family, his future prospects, the position he has held in the Craft, and any matter that may guide the Board in adjusting the distribution of relief from its funds. The application of widows or children to be accompanied with a like certificate so far as practicable, with the probable disposal of the funds if relieved. Every Brother certifying shall also state that he is not aware of any circumstance disentitling the applicant to relief, or which ought to be disclosed to the Board of Benevolence before it deals with the application. In all London

Petitioners to be visited.

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cases the Brother giving the certificate, or some other Brother who has visited the case, shall attend the Board of Benevolence on the consideration of the petition.

N.B.—Masters of Lodges or visiting Brethren are earnestly requested to forward the fullest particulars of each case, to enable the Board to relieve the applicants to the utmost extent of its means.

Time for presenting petition.

246. No petition for relief shall be presented to the Board of Benevolence unless it has been left with the Grand Secretary not later than the Thursday previous to their meeting.

Petitioner to attend Board.

247. No petition shall be read unless the petitioner attend the Board of Benevolence in person; except in the case of widows and children, or of sickness, lameness, imprisonment, or residence in the country, beyond the London district.

Second application.

248. A Brother who has been relieved cannot petition a second time within one year. A widow or orphan who has been relieved cannot petition again.

Grants which may be made.

249. The Board of Benevolence may order the immediate payment of any sum not exceeding forty pounds.

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250. Recommendations for the payment of any sum exceeding forty pounds shall, except as hereinafter mentioned, be subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, and on approval shall be payable forthwith. In the cases of such recommendations, the President of the Board, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents may at his discretion, direct an immediate payment of a sum not exceeding forty pounds on account. In cases of extraordinary urgency, which must be proved to the satisfaction of the President of the Board and the Grand Secretary, an immediate payment may be ordered by them of a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds. Grants over £40.

251. *Expunged by vote of Grand Lodge, June 4th,* 1913.

252. The Board of Benevolence may grant relief to the extent of five pounds to any distressed Mason who has presented his petition in due time, although the conditions and forms above contained have not been complied with; but this Rule shall not override the provisions of Rule 234. Exceptional grants.

253. These laws and regulations shall be read by the Grand Secretary in the month of January, previously to the Board entering on business, and Laws to be read in January.

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the President in the chair shall not allow any part of them to be dispensed with or infringed.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Constitution of Board.

254. The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens of the year, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, the Deputy Grand Registrar, a President, Past Presidents, the President of the Board of Benevolence, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and twenty-four other members.

Appointment and election of members.

255. The President and six of such other members shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Grand Lodge in June, and the Grand Lodge shall on the same day elect, from the actual Masters and Past Masters of Lodges, as many as may be required to make up the remaining eighteen members of the Board as hereinafter provided. A Master and Past Master, or more than one Past Master of the same Lodge, shall not be elected as such on the same Board; but this shall not disqualify any Past Master, being a subscribing member and Master of another Lodge, from being elected for and representing such other Lodge as Master.

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256. One-third of the elected members shall go out of office annually, but shall be eligible for re-election, those retiring in rotation being the members who have been in office for the three years preceding the election. If an elected member die, resign, be removed from office, or become an *ex-officio* or appointed member of the Board, the Brother elected in his place under Rule 261 shall go out of office at the time appointed for the member whose place he has taken. Annual change of members.

257. The Board shall elect one of its members to be Vice-President. Election of Vice-President.

258. The Masters and Past Masters are to be elected by ballot, and for that purpose the names of the several Brethren put in nomination, together with the names and numbers of their Lodges, and whether at the time of such nomination they are Masters or Past Masters, and in the case of a Master the date of his installation, are to be delivered in writing at the General Committee preceding the Grand Lodge in June, all which names so proposed shall be printed alphabetically in a list, a copy of which shall be delivered to each member present at the Grand Lodge. The Mode of election of members.

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balloting lists having been delivered to the members of the Grand Lodge, are to be collected by scrutineers to be appointed for that purpose, and are not to be signed.

Scrutineers

259. Eight scrutineers are to be elected at the General Committee previously to the Grand Lodge in June, and eight other scrutineers are to be nominated by the Grand Master or Presiding Officer of that Grand Lodge. The scrutineers are to collect the lists from the Brethren to whom they have been delivered, and shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot. They shall then retire, and having ascertained the numbers for the respective candidates, shall present the report in the Grand Lodge, But if their report be not ready by the time the Grand Lodge is about to be closed, the Grand Master or the Presiding Officer shall, after closing the Grand Lodge, receive the report in his private room, and in such case a copy thereof, verified by the Grand Secretary, shall be immediately posted up in the Grand Secretary's office, and remain during one week for the information of the Craft.

Absence of the President and Vice-President.

260. Should the President and Vice-President be absent, the Brother highest in rank and seniority shall preside.

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261. If any member of the Board die, resign, be removed from office, or become an *ex-officio* or appointed member of the Board, the vacancy shall be filled up. If one appointed by the Grand Master, then by the Grand Master; and if one elected by the Grand Lodge, then by the Grand Lodge at the next quarterly communication. In cases where an election is to take place in the Grand Lodge, notice thereof shall be given in the General Committee, and the names of candidates nominated to fill such vacancies must also then be given. Death, resignation or removal of members.

262. The Board shall meet on the third Tuesday in every month at five o'clock precisely. It may also be convened at other times by command of the Grand Master, or by the authority of the President. Meetings.

263. Five members shall constitute a Board and proceed to business, except in the decision of Masonic complaints, for which purpose at least seven members must be present. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the Presiding Officer, in case of equality, having a second vote. Quorum.

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Power to inspect the Grand Lodge books, &c.

264. The Board has full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and to give orders for the correct arrangement of them ; and to summon the Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, or other Brother having possession of any books, papers, documents, or accounts belonging to the Grand Lodge, and to give such directions as may be necessary.

Care of building

265. Except when otherwise specially directed by resolution of the Grand Lodge, the Board has the direction of everything relating to the buildings and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and may suggest any alterations or improvements. It is to cause the necessary preparations to be made for the meetings of the Grand Lodge as well as for the days of festival, public ceremonies, &c., and to take care that arrangements be made for the proper accommodation of the Boards or Committees appointed by the Grand Lodge, and of the private Lodges meeting at Freemasons' Hall. It shall also give orders for all the usual and ordinary articles which may be requisite for the Grand Lodge ; but no extraordinary expense of any kind shall be incurred without the previous sanction of the Grand Lodge.

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266. The Board may recommend to the Grand Lodge whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the Craft, and may originate plans for the better regulation of the Grand Lodge and the arrangement of its general transactions. May originate improvements.

267. The Board has likewise the care and regulation of all the concerns of the Grand Lodge, and shall conduct the correspondence between the Grand Lodge and its subordinate Lodges and Brethren, and communications with sister Grand Lodges and Brethren of eminence and distinction throughout the world. Care of correspondence.

268. The Board shall have charge of the finances of the Grand Lodge, examine all demands upon it, and when found correct, shall order them to be discharged. Charge of finances.

269. At the Board next following the close of each quarter, the account of receipts and disbursements for the last quarter, shall be balanced. This account shall be printed and transmitted to each Lodge with the report of the proceedings of the next quarterly communication. A list of the contributions from Lodges during the financial year Quarterly accounts.

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shall also be transmitted to every Lodge after the March communication.

Audit.

270. At the meeting in January in each year, the Board shall investigate the accounts of the Grand Lodge for the last year, and prepare them for the auditor; and shall, at the quarterly communication in March, state the amount of receipts and expenditure under their respective heads, together with the amount of the property belonging to the Grand Lodge in the public funds or elsewhere; and do all such matters as may be necessary to give the Grand Lodge full information respecting the receipt and application of its funds. An abstract of this report shall be transmitted to every Lodge, as directed by the preceding article.

Committees.

271. The Board, at its regular meeting in June of each year, shall appoint from amongst its members Committees of seven, with the addition of the President and Vice-President *ex-officio*, which shall be denominated respectively the Finance Committee, the Colonial, Indian, and Foreign Committee, the Premises Committee, the Officers and Clerks Committee, and the Library, Art and Publications Committee, to consider all matters having reference to the subjects named,

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the duty of which shall be to report their proceedings to the Board at its next meeting. The Board also at any time may appoint Committees for specific purposes, which shall report to it in like manner. Each such Committee shall have power to invite to its meetings, for purposes of consultation, two Brethren qualified for admission to Grand Lodge, and not members of the Board, possessed of special knowledge of the subjects with which the appointing Committee has to deal.

Power to adjudicate.

272. The Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual Masons, when regularly brought before it, and generally to take cognizance of all matters relating to the Craft.

Power to suspend.

273. The Board may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, according to the laws ; and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge. But should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require the erasure of a Lodge or the expulsion of a Brother, the Board shall make a special report thereon to the Grand Lodge.

Power to summon Lodges and Brethren.

274. The Board may summon the Officers of any Lodge to attend it, and to produce the warrant,

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books, papers, and accounts of the Lodge, or may summon any Brother to attend it and produce his certificate. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason be not given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy the Lodge or Brother may be suspended, and the procedings notified to the Grand Lodge.

Meetings in Masonic clothing.

275. The members of the Board shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any charge or complaint.

Mode of procedure.

276. When the Board has investigated and decided on any case which, in its judgment, requires admonition, fine or suspension, the offence shall be fully stated in the minutes, shall be declared proved, the law relating thereto (if the offence is provided against) quoted, and the decision recorded and acted upon.

Complaints affecting members.

277. In case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of the Board of a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the Board considers its decision.

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278. No recommendation, petition, or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board, unless it be in writing, and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board. Communications to Board.

279. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, or other Boards or Committees, or any private Lodge or Brother, shall be made in writing. Communications from Board.

280. Any special matter referred to the Board by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge shall have precedence of other business. Precedence of business.

281. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary. Minutes.

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REGALIA, CLOTHING, INSIGNIA, AND JEWELS.

Clothing and Insignia.

282. The following clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft; and no Brother shall be admitted into any Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, without his proper clothing.

Prohibited jewels.

283. No honorary or other jewel, medal, device, or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognised and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge as part of pure and antient Masonry.

JEWELS

Grand Officers' Jewels.

284. *The Grand Master* ...The compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye within a triangle, both irradiated.

The Pro Grand Master .....The same.

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Past Grand Masters, and Past Pro Grand Masters...	A similar jewel, without the gold plate.
Deputy Grand Masters.....	The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.
Past Deputy Grand Masters...	The compasses and square only.
Senior Grand Warden	The level.
Junior Grand Warden	The plumb rule.
Grand Chaplains	A book, within a triangle, surmounting a glory,
Grand Treasurer	A chased key.
Grand Registrar	A scroll, with seal appended.
Deputy Grand Registrars ...	Ditto.
President of the Board of General Purposes	Arms, crest, and supporters of the Grand Lodge.
Grand Secretary	Two pens in saltire, tied by a ribbon.
President of the Board of Benevolence	Arms and crest of the Grand Lodge
Grand Deacons	Dove and olive branch

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Assistant Grand Chaplains	A Book within a triangle, surmounting a glory.
Assistant Grand Registrars	A scroll, with seal appended.
Grand Superintendent of Works	A semicircular protractor.
Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works	Ditto.
Grand Director of Ceremonies	Two rods in saltire, tied by a ribbon.
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	Ditto.
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Ditto.
Grand Sword Bearer	Two swords in saltire.
Deputy Grand Sword Bearers	Ditto.
Assistant Grand Sword Bearers	Ditto.
Grand Standard Bearers ...	Two staves in saltire, tied by a ribbon, flowing from the dexter a standard of the arms of the Grand Lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the Grand Master for the time being.

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Assistant Grand Standard Bearers	Ditto.
Grand Organist	A lyre.
Deputy Grand Organist	Ditto.
Assistant Grand Secretary ...	Two pens in saltire, tied by a ribbon.
Grand Pursuivant	Arms of the Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod saltire-wise,
Assistant Grand Pursuivant.	Ditto.
Grand Steward	A cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses extended upon an irradiated gold plate within a circle, on which is engraved "United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England."

The jewels of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Registrar, Deputy Grand Registrars, President of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Secretary, President of the Board of Benevolence, Grand Deacons, Assistant Grand Chaplains, Assistant Grand Registrars Grand Superintendent of Works

Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Deputy and Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Deputy and Assistant Grand Sword Bearers, Grand Standard Bearers, Assistant Grand Standard Bearers, Grand Organist, Deputy Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Secretary, Grand Pursuivant, and Assistant Grand Pursuivants are to be within a wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

London Rank Jewel.

284a. The jewel of the holders of London Rank shall consist of the square and the diagram of the 47th proposition 1st Book of Euclid pendant within it. Such jewel to be placed on a blue enamelled oval medal, and over it the word "London."

Provincial or District Grand Officers' Jewels.

285. *Provincial or District Grand Master*	The compasses and square, with a five-pointed star in the centre.
Past Provincial or District Grand Masters.....	The compasses and square only.
Dep. Prov. or District Grand Master	The square.
All other Officers of Provincial or District Grand Lodges.....	Jewels of the same description as those worn by the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

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Provincial or District Grand Stewards.....	Jewels similar to those worn by the Grand Stewards.

The jewels of the Provincial or District Grand Master and other Provincial or District Grand Officers and Provincial or District Grand Stewards are to be placed within a circle, on which the name of the Province or District is to be engraven.

286. All Past Grand Officers, and Past Provincial or District Grand Officers, shall wear the jewel of their respective offices on a blue enamelled oval medal. Past Grand Officers' Jewels.

287. The jewel of a Past Grand Steward, and of a Past Provincial or District Grand Steward, is oval in form, and of the same device as the jewel of a Grand Steward, but on crimson enamel instead of the irradiated plate, and of smaller size. Past Grand Stewards' Jewels.

288. All the above jewels to be gold or gilt. To be gilt.

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Private Lodge Jewels.

289. *Masters of Lodges* ...The square.

Past Masters .....The square and the diagram of the 47th prop. 1st Book of Euclid engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.

Senior Warden.....The level.

Junior Warden.....The plumb rule.

Chaplain .....A book within a triangle surmounting a glory.

Treasurer .....A key.

Secretary .....Two pens in saltire, tied by a ribbon.

Deacons .....Dove and olive branch.

Director of Ceremonies.....Two rods in saltire, tied by a ribbon.

Assistant Director of Ceremonies ..... Two rods in saltire, surmounted by a bar bearing the word "Assistant."

Almoner.....A Scrip-Purse, upon which is a heart.

Organist.....A lyre.

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Assistant Secretary .....Two pens in saltire, surmounted by a bar bearing the word "Assistant."

Inner Guard .....Two swords in saltire.

Stewards.....A cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses extended.

Tyler .....A sword.

290. The said jewels to be in silver except those of the Officers of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and of the British Lodge, No. 8, which are golden or gilt. To be of silver.

CHAINS AND COLLARS.

291. In the Grand Lodge and at great ceremonials and festivals where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, the actual Grand Officers wear chains of gold, or metal gilt, instead of collars; but upon all other occasions collars of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered or plain. Grand Officers' chains and collars.

292. In the Grand Lodge and in their Provincial or District meetings, or when officially present at any Lodge in their respective Provinces or Provincial and District Grand Masters' chains and collars.

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Districts, or when visiting any Provincial or District Grand Lodge, Provincial and District Grand Masters wear chains of gold or metal gilt, but on all other occasions collars of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad.

Past Grand Officers' collars.

293. Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, in the Grand Lodge, or at any great ceremonials or festival, wear embroidered collars, and in private Lodges collars either embroidered or plain.

London Rank collars.

293a. Holders of London Rank wear collars of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, with narrow edging of gold lace or cord, but not bullion or fringe, nor plain. In the Grand Lodge they must wear their collars and jewels of the Lodges and offices respectively, in right of which they attend as members of the Grand Lodge, over their collars of London Rank.

Provincial and District Grand Officers' collars.

294. Deputy Provincial and District Grand Masters and other subordinate Provincial and District Grand Officers, present and past, wear collars of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, with narrow edging of gold lace or cord, but not

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bullion or fringe, nor plain. In the Grand Lodge they must wear their collars and jewels of the Lodges and offices respectively, in right of which they attend as members of the Grand Lodge, over their Provincial or District Grand Lodge collars.

295. The Grand Stewards for the year wear collars of crimson ribbon, four inches broad, and bear white wands. Grand Stewards collars

296. Past Grand Stewards, so long as they continue to subscribe to some Lodge, wear collars of crimson ribbon, four inches broad, with silver cord on each edge. Past Grand Stewards' collars.

297. Past Grand Stewards, when attending the Grand Lodge as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens of private Lodges, wear their collars and jewels of the Lodges and offices respectively, in right of which they attend as members of the Grand Lodge, under the collar of Past Grand Steward. Collars of Past Grand Stewards in the Grand Lodge.

298. The Officers and Past Masters of the Grand Stewards' Lodge wear collars of crimson ribbon, four inches broad. Collars of the Grand Stewards' Lodge.

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Collars of Provincial and District Grand Stewards.

299. Provincial and District Grand Stewards during their periods of office wear collars of crimson ribbon, two and a half inches broad.

Collars of Past Provincial and District Grand Stewards.

300. Past Provincial and District Grand Stewards, so long as they continue to subscribe to some Lodge, wear collars of crimson ribbon, two and a half inches broad, with a silver cord in the centre.

Collars of Past Masters of private Lodges.

301. Past Masters of private Lodges, so long as they continue to subscribe to some Lodge, shall be entitled to wear, on all occasions when Craft clothing may be worn, collars of light blue ribbon, four inches broad, with silver braid a quarter of an inch wide in the centre.

Collars of Officers of private Lodges.

302. The collars of the Officers of private Lodges to be light blue ribbon, four inches broad ; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

When collars of private Lodges to be worn.

303. The collars of the Officers of private Lodges are to be worn only in their own Lodges, or when representing their Lodges as Masters or Wardens in the Grand Lodge, or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodges.

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304. Engravings of the jewels, chains and collars are given in the Appendix. Engravings of jewels, &c.

APRONS.

305. *Entered Apprentice.*—A plain white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament; white strings. Aprons

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lamb skin, similar to that of the entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason.—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, not more than two inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to Officers and past Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron; and except as to the members of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, who are allowed to wear the internal half of the edging of garter-blue three-fourths of an inch wide.

Masters and Past Masters of Lodges.—Wear, in the place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon hori-

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zontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch each; these emblems to be of silver or of ribbon, of the same colour as the lining and edging of the apron, half an inch broad.

Grand Stewards, present and past.—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson, edging of the same colour three and a half inches, and silver tassels, except present and past Grand Stewards representing the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, who wear the crimson edging two inches and three quarters, and an internal border of garter-blue three quarters of an inch broad.

Provincial and District Grand Stewards, present. and past.—The same as the Grand Stewards, except that the edging is only two inches wide.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with garter-blue, edging three and a half inches, ornamented with gold and blue strings, having the emblems of their offices in gold or blue in the centre. If Masters or Past Masters, they may have the Master's emblems of garter-blue or gold. To the emblems on the aprons of the present and past Deputy Grand Direc-

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tors of Ceremonies, Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and Assistant Grand Secretary are to be added above, embroidered in gold letters, the word "Deputy" and "Assistant" respectively.

London Rank.—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with garter-blue and ornamented with gold, and with blue strings; they must have the jewel prescribed in Rule 284A in gold or blue in the centre within a double circle in which must be inserted the word "London." The garter-blue edging to the aprons must not exceed two inches in width.

Provincial and District Grand Officers, present and past.—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with garter-blue and ornamented with gold, and with blue strings; they must have the emblems of their offices in gold or blue in the centre within a double circle, in which must be inserted the name of the Province. The garter-blue edging to the aprons must not exceed two inches in width.

Deputy Grand Master, present and past.—Apron of the same dimensions, with the emblems of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

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Grand Master, present and past.—Apron of the same dimensions, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall ; all in gold embroidery, the fringe of gold bullion.

Pro Grand Master, present and past.—The same.

Provincial and District Grand Masters, present and past.—The same as the Deputy Grand Master, but with the name of the Province or District in a circle surrounding the emblem of office.

Gauntlets.

In addition to the foregoing, Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers wear garter-blue silk gauntlets, with the emblems of their respective offices or past offices embroidered in gold. The same rule applies to London Rank, and to Provincial or District and Past Provincial or District Grand Officers. In private Lodges gauntlets of light blue silk with silver embroidery may be worn by the officers.

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SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

306. Payable to the Fund of Benevolence.

Fees of honour to Fund of Benevolence

Every Brother, on his first appointment to any of the following offices, or to past rank, shall pay to the Fund of Benevolence :—

	£	s.	d.
The Pro Grand Master	10	10	0
The Deputy Grand Master	10	10	0
A Provincial Grand Master (see 307)	10	10	0
A District Grand Master, not residing in his District	10	10	0
Grand Wardens	10	10	0
Grand Chaplains	10	10	0
Grand Treasurer	10	10	0
Grand Registrar	10	10	0
Deputy Grand Registrar	10	10	0
President of the Board of General Purposes	10	10	0
Grand Secretary	10	10	0
President of the Board of Benevolence	10	10	0
Grand Deacons	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Chaplains	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Registrars	5	5	0
Grand Superintendent of Works	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works	5	5	0
Grand Director of Ceremonies	5	5	0
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	5	5	0

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	£	s.	d.
Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies	5	5	0
Grand Sword Bearer	5	5	0
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.....	5	5	0
Grand Standard Bearer	5	5	0
Assistant Grand Standard Bearers	5	5	0
Grand Organist.....	5	5	0
Deputy ditto	5	5	0
Grand Pursuivant	5	5	0
Assistant ditto	5	5	0
London Rank.....	2	2	0
Provincial or District Grand Warden, not residing in the Province or District, for a dispensation.....	2	2	0
Other Provincial or District Grand Officers, not residing in the Province or District, for a dispensation.....	1	1	0
Every Lodge in London, for each of its contributing members .....quarterly	0	1	0
or annually	0	4	0
Every Provincial or Military Lodge, for each of its contributing members .....quarterly	0	0	6
or annually	0	2	0

(District Lodges are exempt.)

Fees to Fund of General Purposes.

307. Payable to the Fund of General Purposes.

	£	s.	d.
A Provincial or District Grand Master, for his patent.....	3	3	0

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	£	s.	d.
A Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, for registration in the Grand Lodge books	2	2	0
A Warrant for a new Lodge—			
In London	15	15	0
In the Provinces	10	10	0
In Districts and foreign parts	5	5	0
A Warrant for a Centenary Jewel	5	5	0
A Warrant of Confirmation	2	2	0
A Dispensation—			
In London	0	10	6
In the Provinces	0	5	0

(*If there is a Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, the fee for a Dispensation in the Provinces is to be paid to that fund.*)

Registration of a Mason, including Grand Lodge certificate—			
On his initiation in a London Lodge	1	7	6
Ditto, in a Provincial Lodge	0	17	0
Ditto, in a Military Lodge	0	17	0
Ditto, in a Colonial or Foreign Lodge (which shall include certificate)	0	7	6
Duplicate Grand Lodge certificate	0	6	6
Joining a London Lodge, the Brother having been initiated in another English Lodge	0	5	0

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	£	s.	d.
Joining a Provincial or Military Lodge under the same circumstances	0	2	6
Joining a Colonial or Foreign Lodge ...	0	2	6
Ditto if a Grand Lodge certificate is required	0	7	6
Joining a London or Provincial Lodge, from a Lodge not holding under the Grand Lodge of England	The same as for registration on initiation.		

Building Fund.

308. Every Lodge contributing to the Fund of Benevolence under Rule 174, shall subject to Rule 175 pay to the Building Fund of Grand Lodge the sum of sixpence per annum in respect of each of its contributing members, The account of such Fund to be kept separate from all other funds ; and the Board of General Purposes shall from time to time, as they shall be received, cause to be invested such principal moneys (including special donations, if any), together with the income arising therefrom, at compound interest, free of all deductions of any kind, either for commission, income tax, or otherwise.

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CEREMONY OF LAYING A FOUNDATION STONE, &c., BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE Grand Lodge having been opened at a convenient place, and the necessary directions and instructions given, it is adjourned; (the Brethren being in their proper clothing and jewels, and wearing white gloves), and the procession moves in the following order, viz, :—

Two Tylers, with drawn swords.
Music.
Visiting Brethren.
The Lodges according to their numbers.
Juniors going first.
Past Grand Stewards, not being members of Grand Stewards' Lodge.
Members of Grand Stewards' Lodge.
Officers of Grand Stewards' Lodge.
Architect, or Builder, with the Plans.

Grand Steward { A Cornucopia with Corn, borne by the Master of a Lodge, Two Ewers with Wine and Oil, borne by Masters of Lodges. } Grand Steward

Past Assistant Grand Pursuivants.
Assistant Grand Pursuivant.
Past Grand Pursuivants.
Grand Pursuivant.
Past Assistant Grand Secretaries.
Assistant Grand Secretary.
Past Deputy Grand Organists.
Deputy Grand Organist.

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Past Grand Organists.
Grand Organist.
Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.
Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.
Past Grand Standard Bearers.
Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.
Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.
Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearers.
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.
Past Grand Sword Bearers.
Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.
Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.
Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
Grand Superintendent of Works, with the plate bearing the inscription.
Past Assistant Grand Registrars.
Assistant Grand Registrars.
Past Assistant Grand Chaplains.
Assistant Grand Chaplains.
Past Grand Deacons.
Past Presidents of the Board of Benevolence.
President of the Board of Benevolence.
Past Grand Secretaries.
Grand Secretary, with Book of Constitutions on a cushion.

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Past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes.
President of the Board of General Purposes.
Past Deputy Grand Registrars.
Deputy Grand Registrar.
Past Grand Registrars.
Grand Registrar, bearing the Great Seal.
Past Grand Treasurers.
Grand Treasurer, bearing a phial containing the coin to be deposited in the stone.
Past Grand Chaplains.
Past Grand Wardens.
Past Provincial and District Grand Masters.
Provincial and District Grand Masters.
Visitors of distinction.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
Past Pro Grand Masters.
The Corinthian Light, borne by the Master of a Lodge
The Column of Junior Grand Warden, borne by the Master of a Lodge.
The Junior Grand Warden with the plumb rule.

Grand Steward.	Grand Standard Bearer, with the Banner of the Grand Lodge.	Grand Steward.

The Doric Light, borne by the Master of a Lodge.
The Column of Senior Grand Warden, borne by the Master of a Lodge.
The Senior Grand Warden with the level.
The Junior Grand Deacons.

Grand Steward.	The Grand Chaplains, bearing the Sacred Law on a cushion.	Grand Steward.

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Deputy Grand Master, with the square.
The Ionic Light, borne by the Master of a Lodge.
The Pro Grand Master.
A Past Grand Master, or other Brother of eminence, bearing the mallet.

Grand Steward.	Grand Standard Bearer, with the Standard of the Grand Master.	Grand Steward.

Grand Sword Bearer.
The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
The Senior Grand Deacons.
Two Grand Stewards.
Grand Tyler.

Having arrived within a proper distance of the spot, the procession halts, the Brethren open to the right and left and face inwards, so as to leave room for the Grand Master to pass up the centre, he being preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearer, the Grand Officers and Brethren following in succession from the rear, so as to invert the order of procession. The Grand Master having arrived at his station, on a platform, an ode is sung or music played (as previously arranged). The stone being prepared and the plate with the proper inscription, the upper part of the stone is raised by an engine, the Grand Chaplain repeats a prayer. The inscription on the plate to be deposited in the stone will then be read, and the Grand Treasurer having, by the Grand Master's command, deposited in the cavity various coins of

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the present reign, the cement is laid on the lower stone, and the upper one is laid down slowly, solemn music playing. Being properly placed, the Grand Master descends to the stone, proves that it is properly adjusted by the plumb rule, level, and square, which are successively delivered to him by the Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden, and Deputy Grand Master; after which the mallet is delivered to him, with which the Grand Master gives three knocks. The cornucopia containing the corn, and the ewers with the wine and oil are next handed to the Grand Master, who strews the corn and pours the wine and oil over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies. The Grand Master then delivers to the architect or builder the several implements for his use. The plan and elevation of the building are presented by the Grand Superintendent of Works to the Grand Master for his inspection, who, having approved them, delivers them to the architect for his guidance. The Grand Master re-ascends the platform, music playing. An oration, suitable to the occasion is delivered. Some money for the workmen is placed on the stone by the Grand Treasurer.

If the building be for a charitable institution, a voluntary subscription is made in aid of its funds.

The procession then returns to the place from which it set out, and the Grand Lodge is closed.

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CENTENARY JEWELS.

APPLICATION for permission to wear a Centenary Jewel is to be by petition or memorial to the Grand Master, in which memorial or petition the necessary particulars as to the origin of the Lodge are to be given, as well as proof of its uninterrupted existence for one hundred years.

When permission has been granted to a Lodge to wear a Centenary Jewel, the privilege of wearing the Jewel is restricted to actual *bonâ fide* subscribing members, being Master Masons; and for so long only as they shall pay the stipulated subscription to the Lodge and be returned to the Grand Lodge.

The design for a Centenary Jewel has been approved by the Grand Master (*see plate* 23). The fee for a warrant, authorising a Lodge to wear the Jewel, is five guineas.

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CHARITY JEWELS.

A Brother having served the office of Steward to any two of the following Institutions, viz. :—

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,

has the privilege of wearing the charity jewel, provided he shall, at each time of so serving, have personally subscribed ten guineas at the least.

The jewel shall be suspended to a ribbon of one and a half inches in width, the colours of which shall be white and blue, white and red, blue and red, or white, blue and red respectively, according to the Institutions for which the Brother has served the stewardships as above, viz. :—

White, for the Institution for Girls,

Blue, for the Institution for Boys,

Red, for the Benevolent Institution.

A Brother being according to the foregoing regulation entitled to wear the charity jewel, and who may have served the office of Steward to any of the Institutions a second time, may wear a clasp attached to the ribbon, and an additional clasp for each occasion of having served the office

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of Steward to any of the Institutions; but in no case shall he be entitled to wear such clasp or clasps, unless he shall on each of those occasions at the time of serving such stewardship have personally subscribed a like amount as above named.

A Vice-President of any one or more of the Masonic Institutions, being otherwise entitled to the charity jewel, may wear attached to the ribbon immediately above the jewel a rosette of the colour or colours before mentioned, or in combination, according to the Institution or Institutions of which he is a Vice-President.

A Vice-Patron of any one or more of the Masonic Institutions, being otherwise entitled to the charity jewel, may wear the same suspended from a ribbon around his neck, of the like width and colour or colours respectively, or in combination, according to the Institution or Institutions of which he is a Vice-Patron.

A Patron of any one or more of the Masonic Institutions may have embroidered on the right and left sides of the ribbon referred to in the preceding paragraph, a sprig of Acacia one and a half inches long, meeting in the centre, over the colour appertaining to the Institution of which he is a Patron, and the Jewel ensigned with a representation of the Coronet of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master; the sprig of Acacia and the Coronet to be

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of silver for a Patron of any one of the Institutions, of Gold for a Patron of two, and enamelled in their proper colours for a Patron of the three Institutions,

Every Brother who shall serve the office of Steward at any anniversary festival of any one of the Masonic charities, as the Representative of some Provincial Lodge, who shall personally attend such festival, and shall bring up thereto contributions amounting to not less than one hundred guineas, shall have the same rights and privileges as to wearing the charity jewel or clasp as if he had himself contributed the sum of ten guineas while serving such stewardship.

No charity jewel, clasp, ribbon, or rosette shall be obtained except through the office of the Grand Secretary, to whom the Secretaries of the respective Institutions shall, after their respective annual festivals, hand lists of the names of the Brethren entitled to the jewel or decorations hereinbefore authorised.

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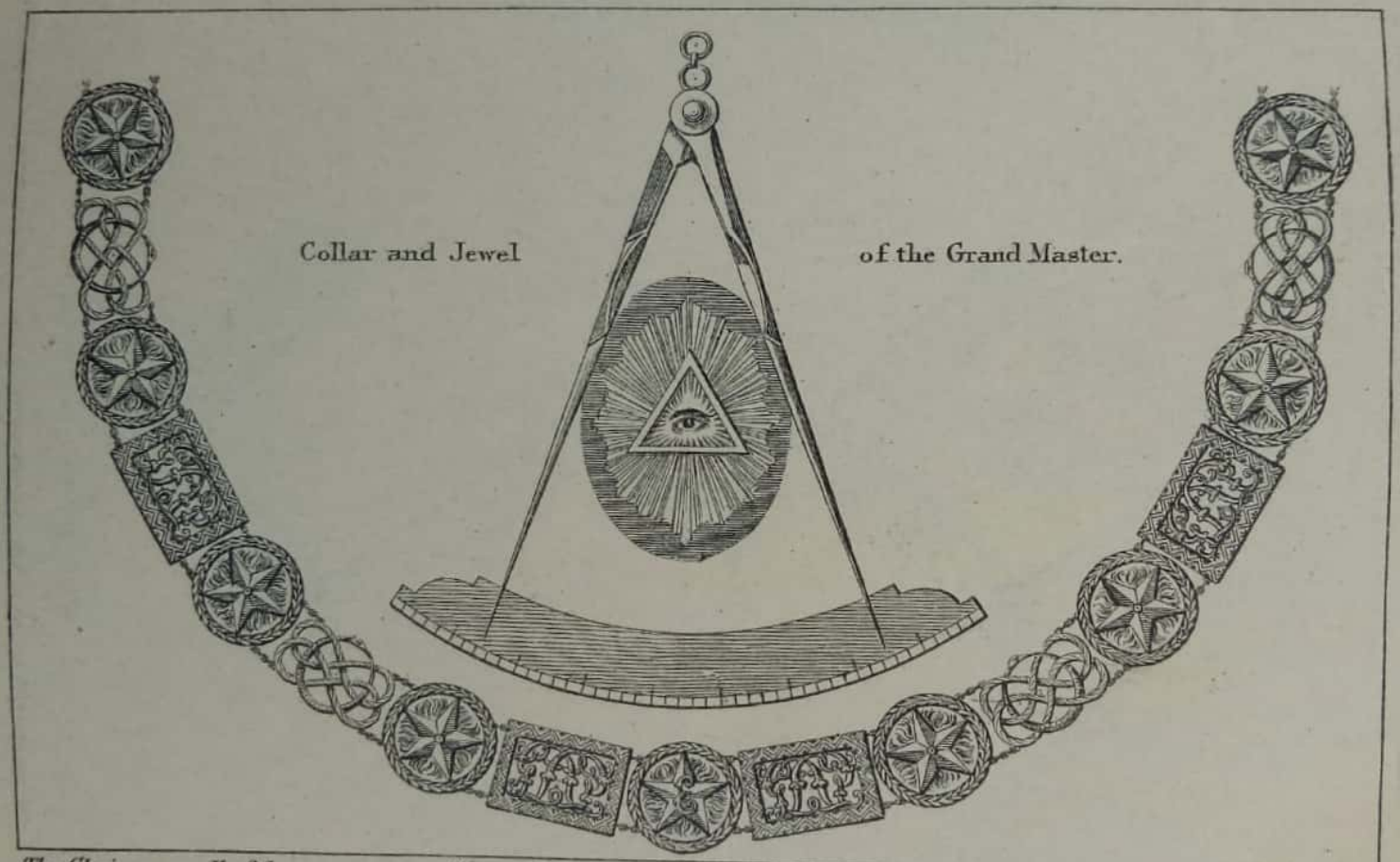

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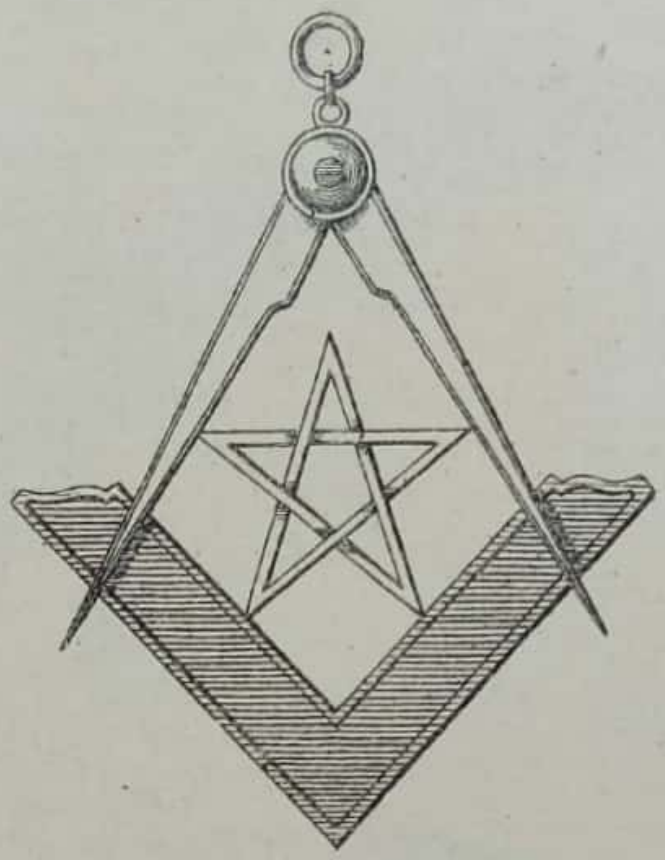

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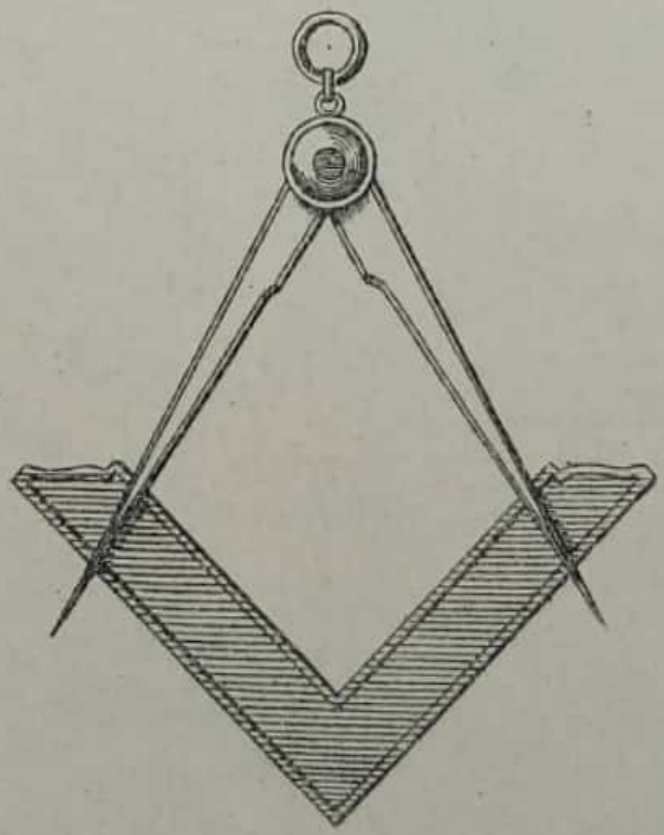

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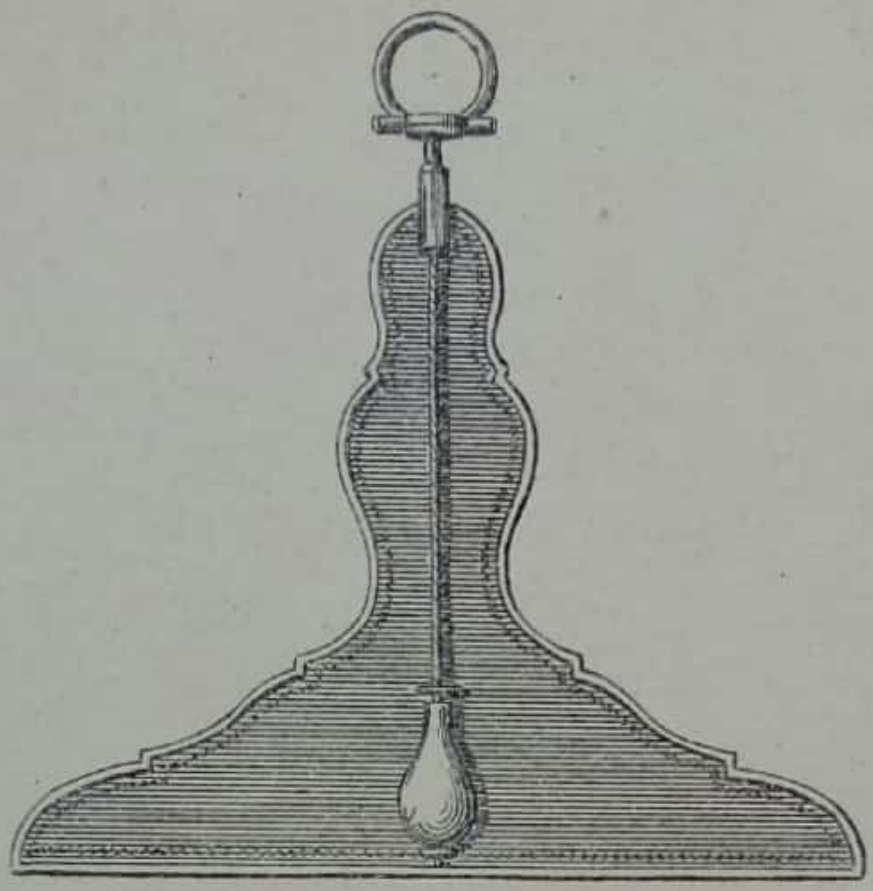

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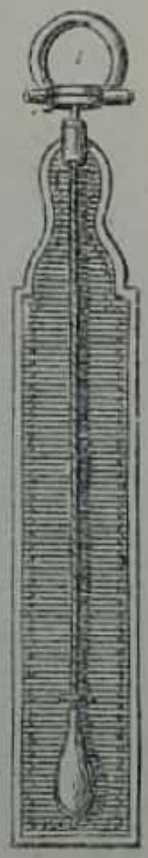

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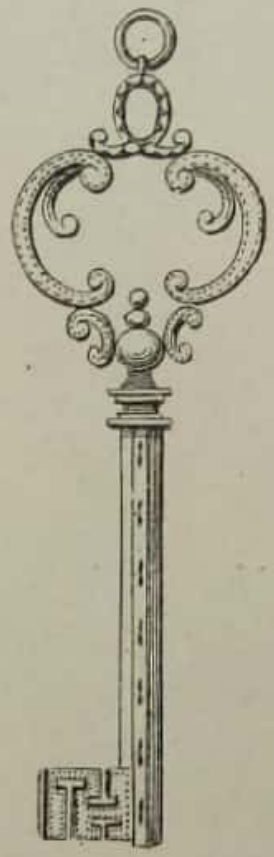

Grand Treasurer.

Grand Chaplain.

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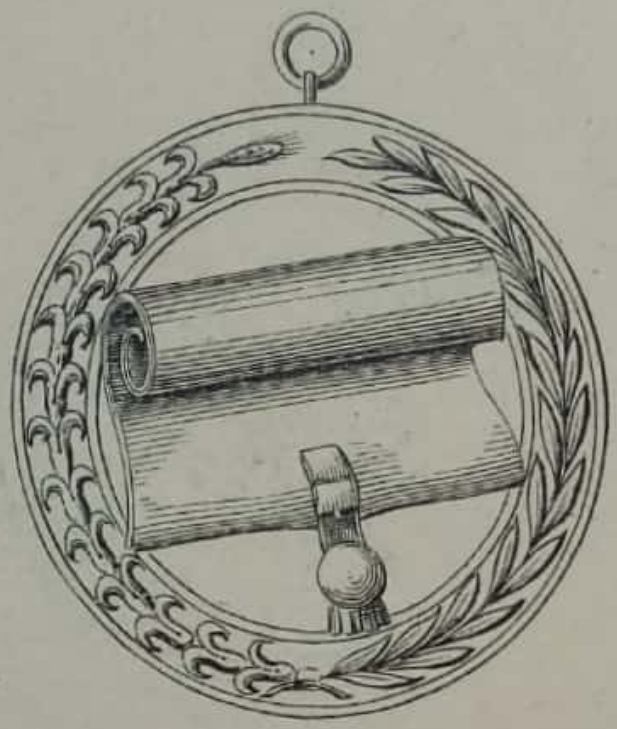

Grand Registrar.

President of the Board of General Purposes.

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Grand Secretary.

President of the Board of Benevolence.

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Grand Deacon.

Grand Superintendant of Works.

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Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Grand Sword Bearer.

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Grand Standard Bearer.

Grand Organist.

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Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Steward.

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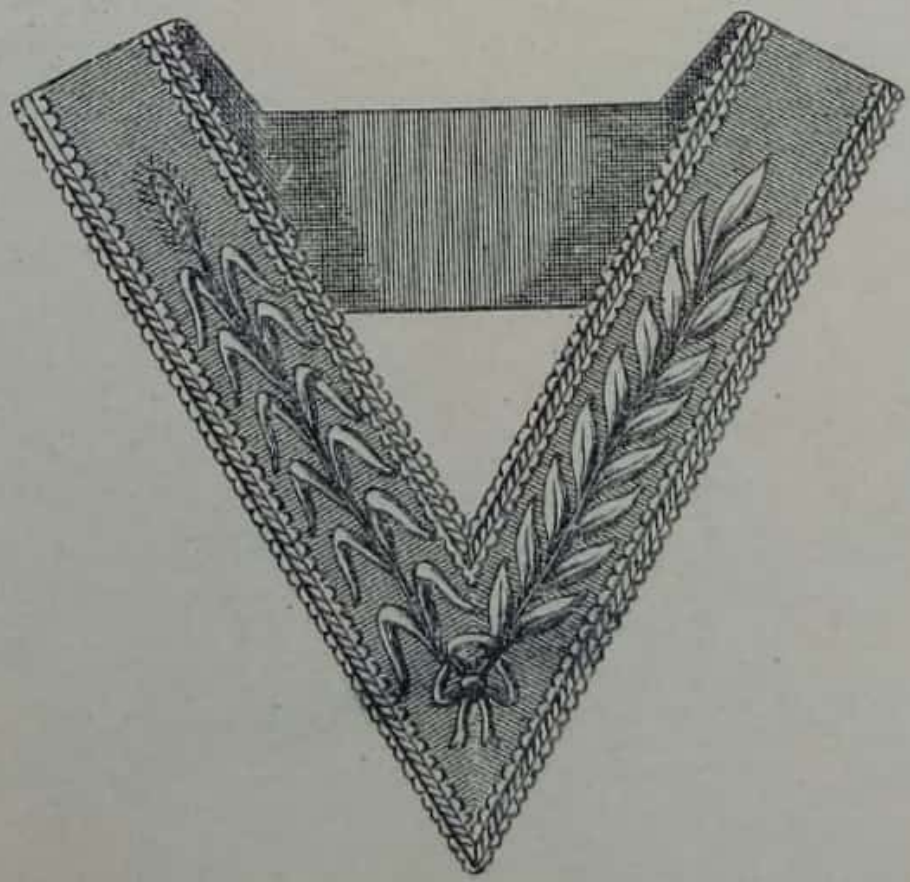
Grand Tyler



Collar of a Past Grand Officer of the G.L. of England.

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Provincial Grand Master.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Name of the Province alone without any Ornament or Emblem to be engraven on the Circle of all Provincial Grand Officer's Jewels.

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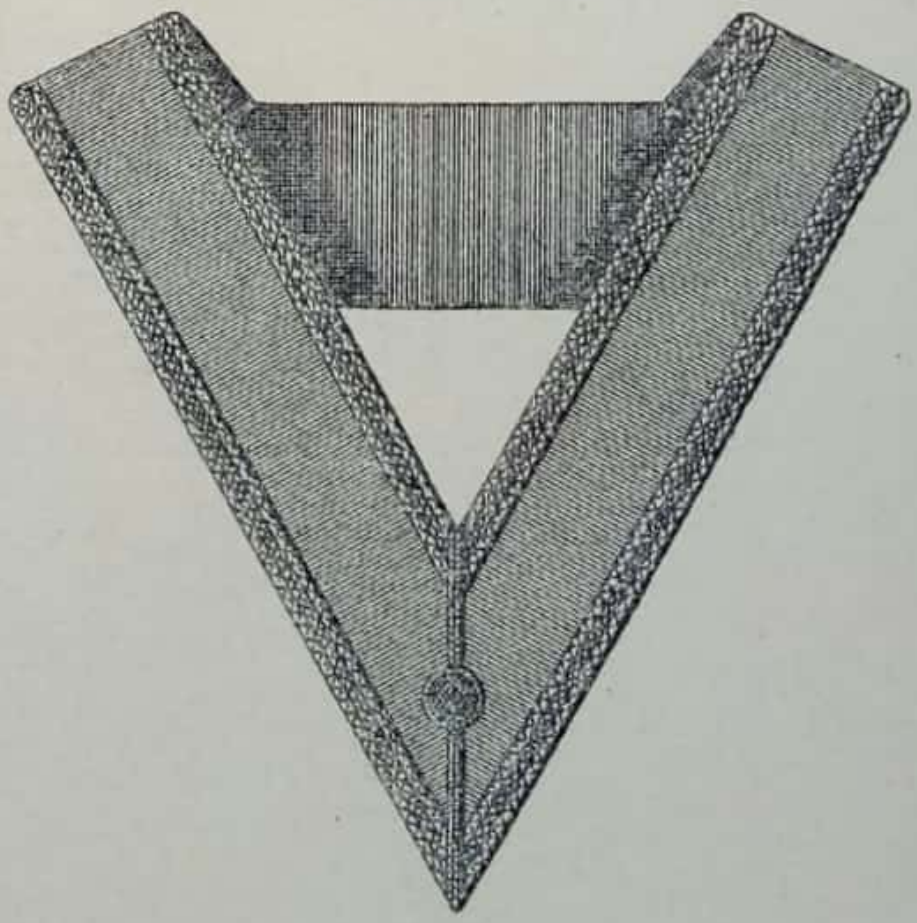
London Rank Jewel.



London Rank Collar.

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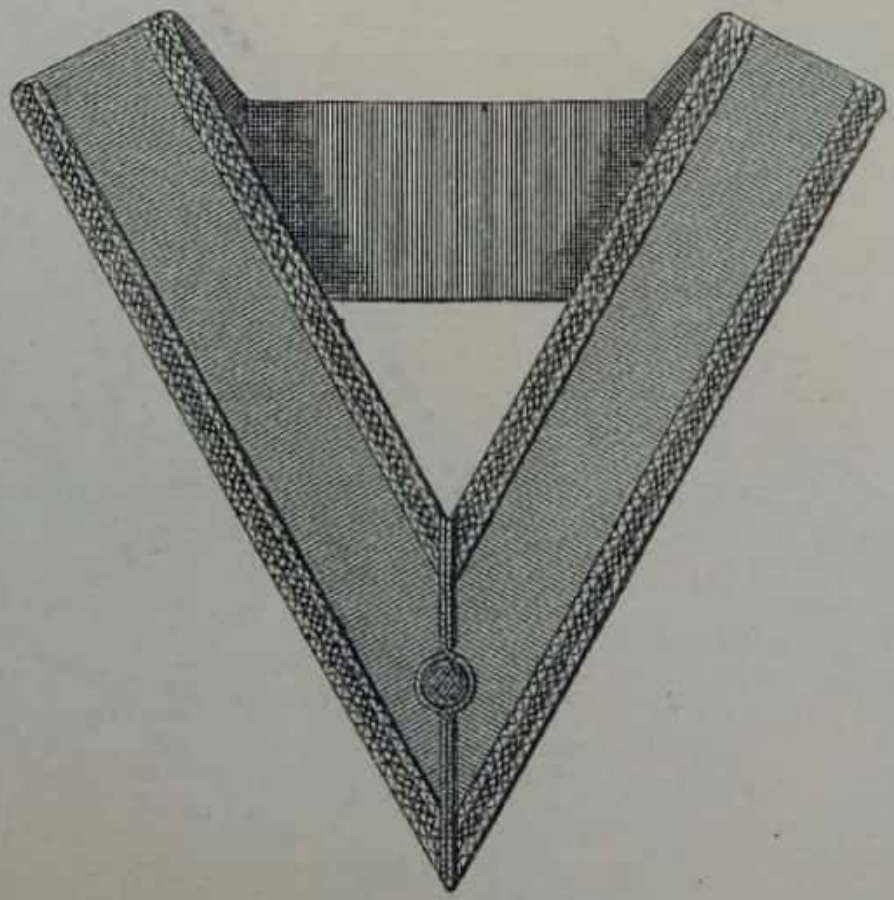
Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden's Jewel.



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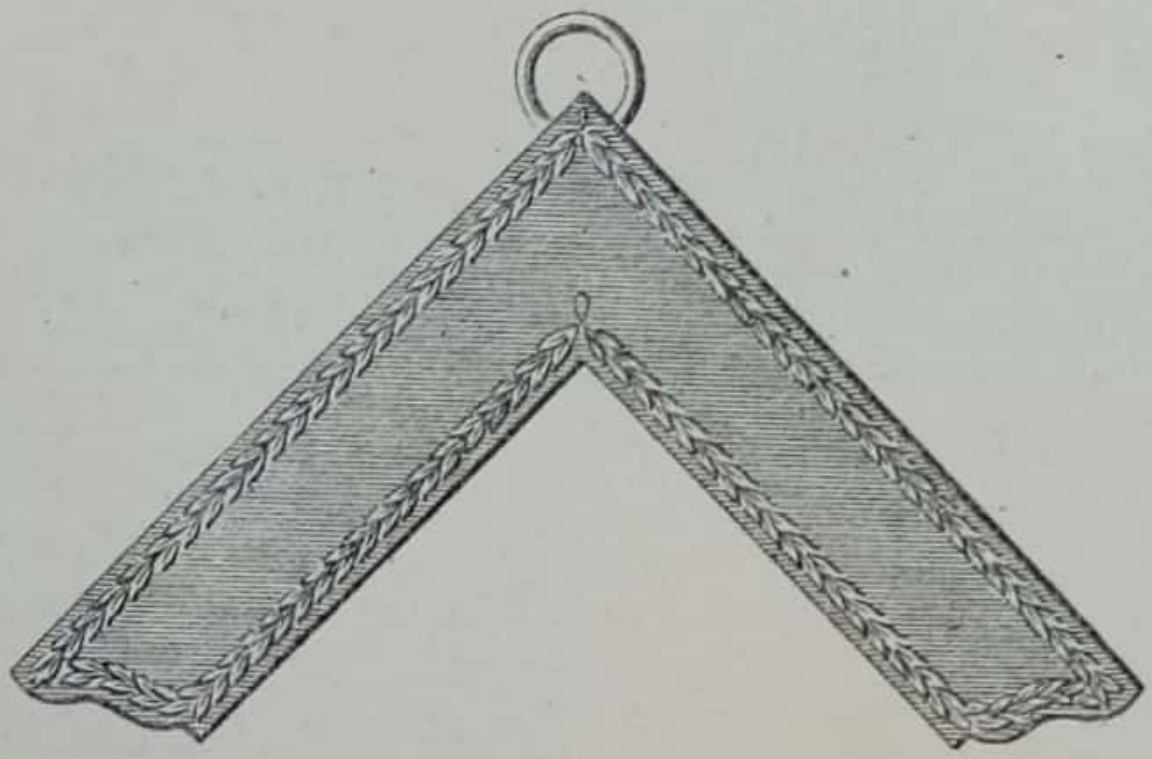

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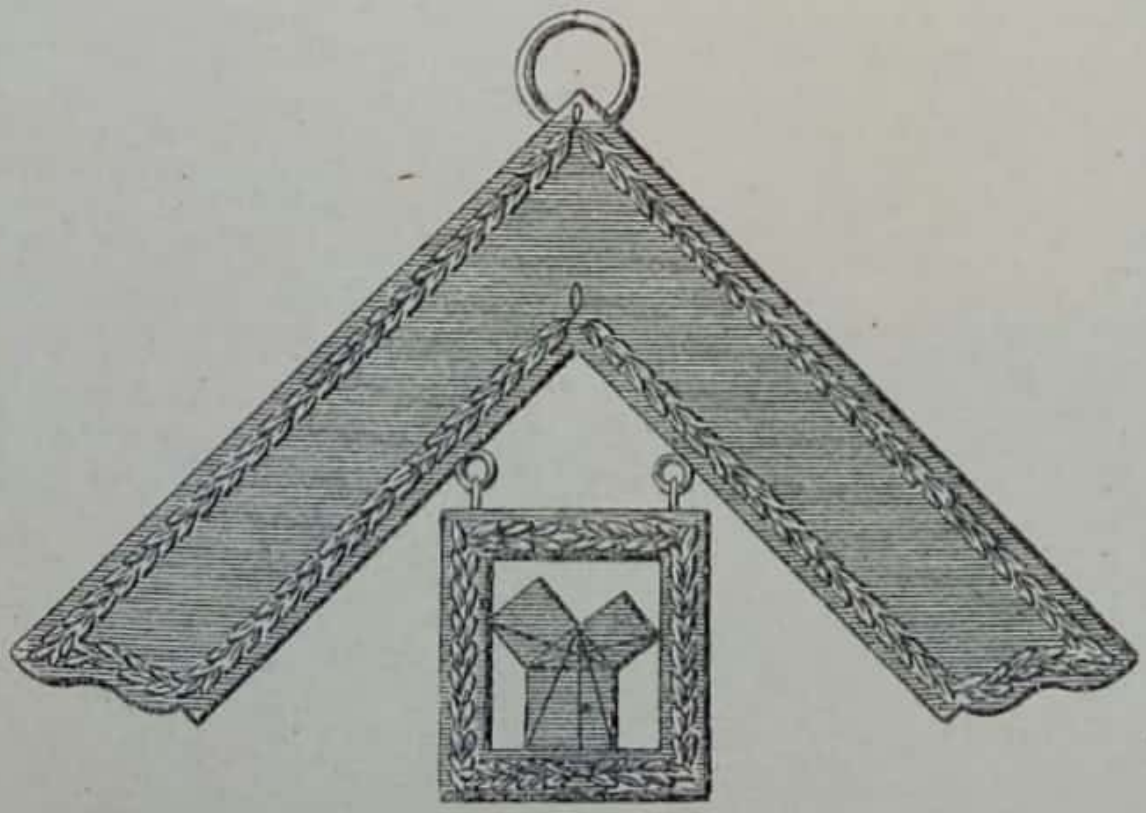

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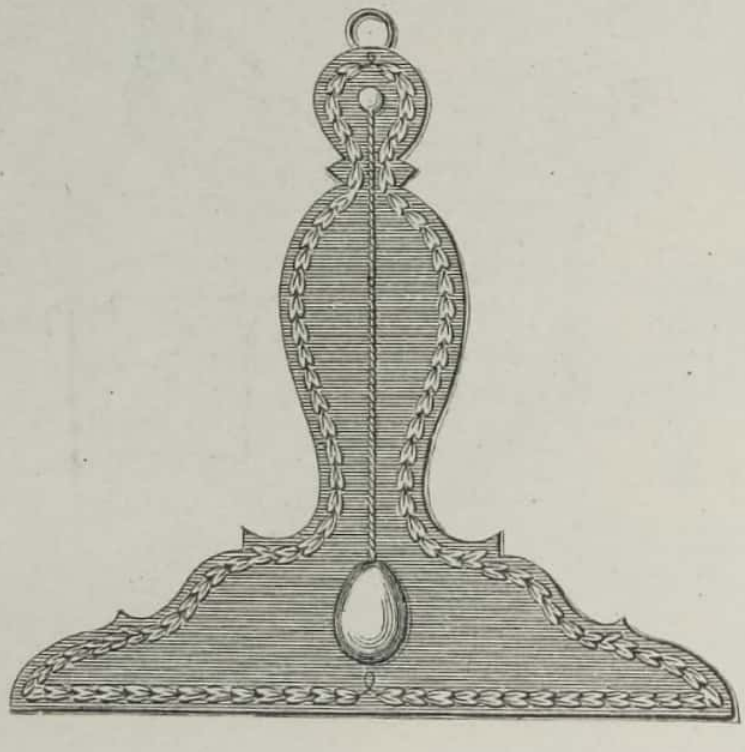

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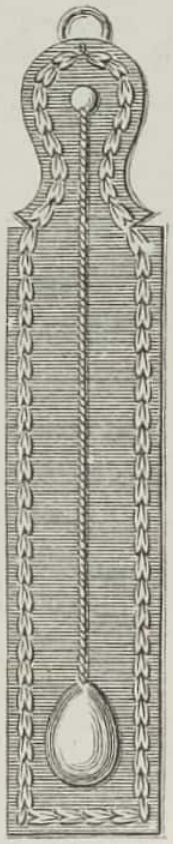

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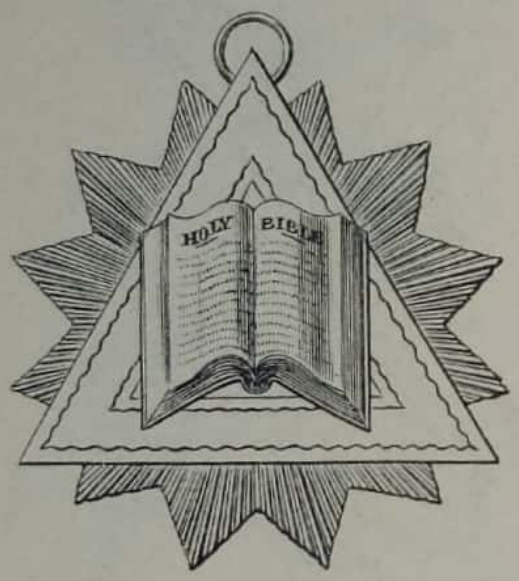

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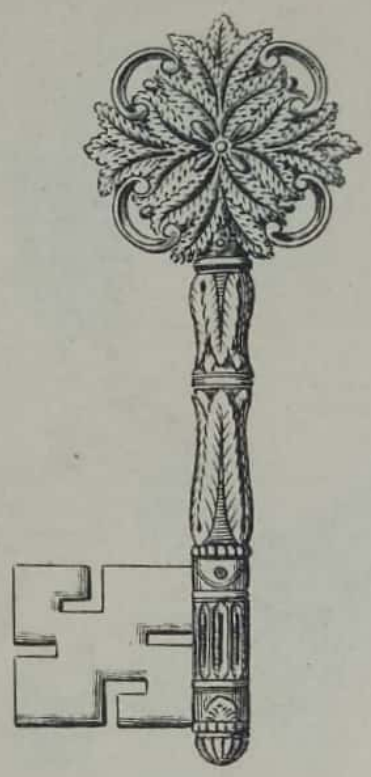

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Secretary.

Deacons.

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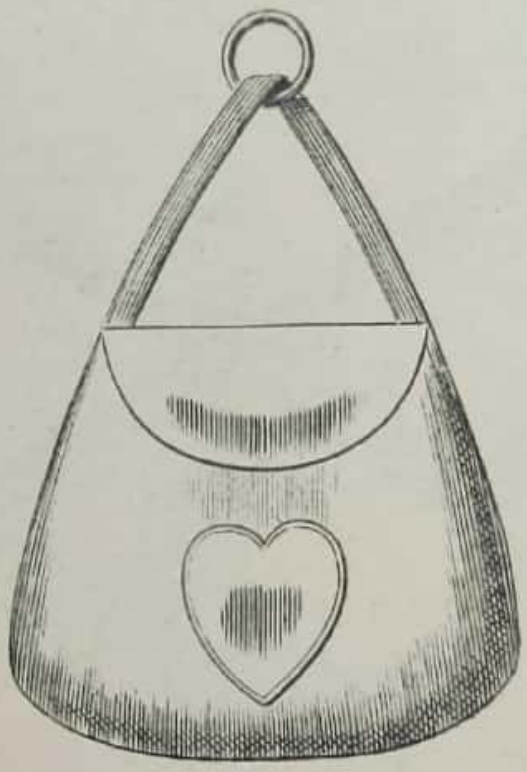

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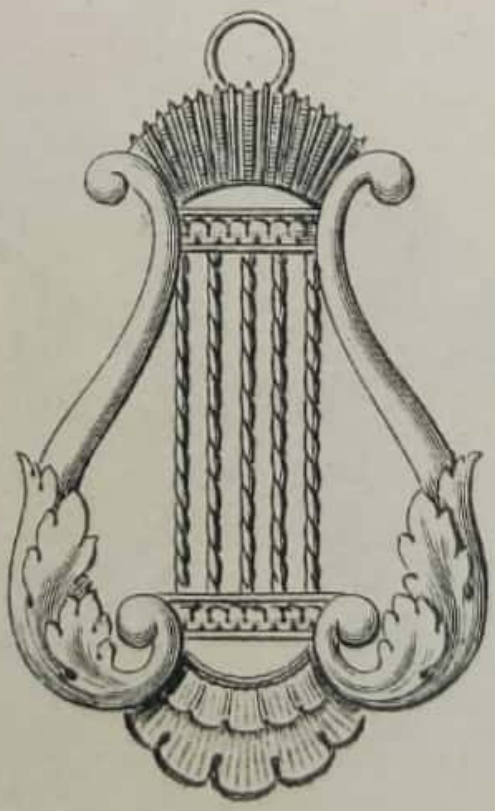

Organist.

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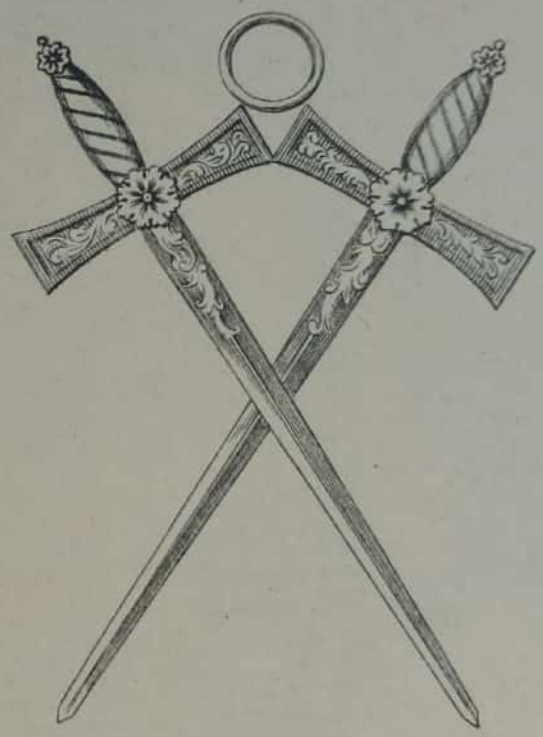

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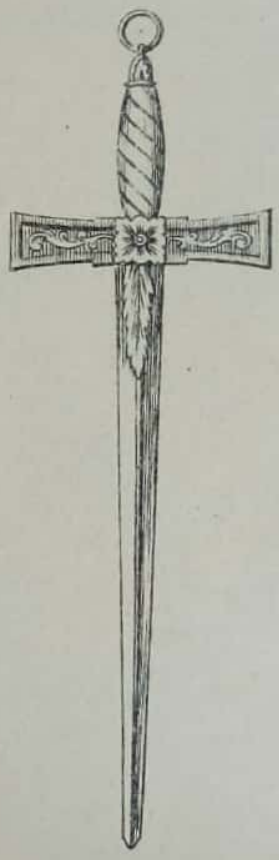

Tyler.

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Centenary Jewel.

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